

Hitler's Spring Offensive Begins

Now Open the Second Front!

The Nazi thrust at Kerch in Crimea means that Hitler's Spring drive is beginning.

Hitler is girding for a gigantic, desperate effort to regain from the Red Army the initiative which it knocked out of his hands after his failure to take Moscow.

To recover from the blows which the Red Army has dealt him throughout the winter, Hitler has secured the munitions factories of all Europe, and dragooned new soldiers from his puppet "allies."

Now he hurls this tremendous war machine into a new attack which is fraught with danger to Britain and the United States as well as the Soviet Union.

Hitler is out to smash or cripple the Red Army which prevents him and stands between him and badly-needed Caucasus oil; which prevents him from effecting a juncture with Japan, and balks his direct assault upon Britain and the United States.

In February, Soviet military experts informed the United Nations that Hitler's oil supply cannot last beyond 1942. After this, his tanks and planes face an oil famine.

If Hitler seizes Soviet oil fields, he will confront the

United States and Britain with immense military advantages. It is this fact which emphasizes the peril to the United States and Britain in Hitler's Spring drive.

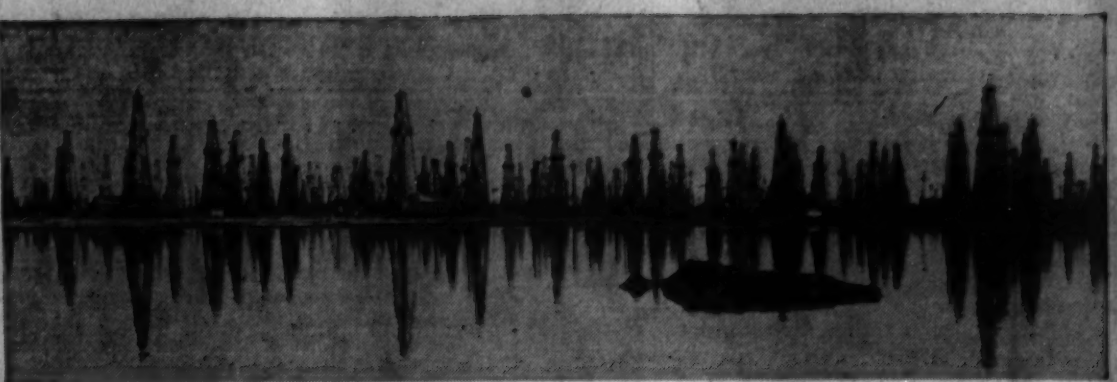
Thus, the moment is ripe for the opening of the Western Front. Now is the time for the Second Front. It is what Hitler fears most.

Failure to attack Hitler in the West while he is engaged in the East might not only compel Britain and America to fight a prolonged and desperate war for survival; it might also bring them face to face with defeat.

Britain and America have every possible reason to drive ahead against Hitler in a Second Front immediately.

Churchill admits that Britain is clamoring for a Second Front. He also has revealed that Britain's aviation is now stronger than the Nazis'. The combined military, naval, and air strength of Britain and America can unquestionably overwhelm the Axis forces in France and Norway which Hitler is able only at great risk to tear away from the Soviet front.

If we unleash an attack upon Hitler in the West, the Axis can be smashed before 1942.



Soviet Oilfields Hitler Is After:

Here is a view of the Baku oilfields as seen from the southeast of the Bay of Biscay.

If he is permitted to escape a joint attack this Spring and Summer from East and West, then Britain and America will be gambling with their very existence as independent nations.

Answer the Kerch drive of Hitler with a

Western Front land attack! Let this be combined with an increased rush of lend-lease war aid to the Red Army. These are our greatest chances to shorten the war, win victory and remove the deadly peril our country faces.

Let Hitler Know U. S.; Too, Has Poison Gas!

By Sender Garlin

No sane person can have any illusions that Hitler is interested in conducting a "civilized" war. The Nazis have already been using deadly poison gas on the Eastern Front and plan to use it on an intensive scale in the very near future.

Will Use Gas, If Nazis Do, Say Congressmen

Back Warning by Churchill Against Poison Warfare

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).

Members of Congress predicted today if the Axis resorts to the use of poison gas as a war weapon, the United States will join Great Britain in retaliating in kind.

Senate Democratic leader Alben W. Barkley commented that "of course if they start it we shall have to retaliate." Sen. H. C. Johnson, D., Ohio, summed up the feeling of many legislators by remarking, "If anyone wants to play rough, we can all play rough, and we will if the Germans start using poison gas."

Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., said he was "absolutely impressed that Churchill meant exactly what he said—that if the Germans use any fiendish method of warfare the British are ready to use it too."

"I thought," George said, "that the speech was addressed to the German people, over the head of Hitler, although it also was a stirring appeal to the Allied nations. I thought he was telling the Germans 'we hear you are fixing to use gas.' It was a very shrewd and strong appeal to reach the German people."

Sen. Bennett C. Clark, D., Mo., said it is "just a matter of common sense for us to use gas if the Germans do."

U. S. to Disregard Protests on Martinique

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull indicated today that any protests from Vichy regarding negotiations about the future status of Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana would be disregarded.

The new Nazi plot is evidence of desperation—the result of the magnificent stand of the Red Army and the Soviet people. Hitler wants a showdown in his favor this summer. That is all the more reason why the United Nations should force a showdown this year—in their favor.

The Russians have produced proof (attested to by Prime Minister

WHEELER SHIELDS NAZIS ON POISON GAS

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, May 12.—In typical appeaser style Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana today came to the defense of the Nazis today on the question of poison gas.

He tried to belittle the possibility that Hitler would use gas and rebuked Prime Minister Churchill for his timely threat of retaliation.

The appeaser Senator declared that it was "a mistake for Mr. Churchill even to intimate" that the British would use gas if the Nazis started it. He said use of poison gas "is unthinkable," and said he could "not believe that civilization has sunk so low, in spite of all we read that poison gas will be resorted to."

Churchill in his speech Sunday that they have already used the deadly weapon against the Red Army and are shipping huge supplies to the Eastern Front.

Hitler is out to win this war of medieval conquest at all costs. Human life is the smallest item in his war budget—whether it be the lives of the German people or of the countries which he has conquered.

WHAT ONE GAS DOES

Poison gas is the weapon with which he hopes to bring the United Nations to their knees. It is the weapon of a madman.

Here is what Prof. J. B. S. Haldane, the eminent British scientist,

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Soviet Air Force Pounds Foe In South

Germans Running Short of Oil and Other Vital Materials

MOSCOW, May 12 (UP).—Soviet

defenders of the Crimean route to the Caucasus are fighting stubborn battles on the 18-mile wide neck of the Kerch Peninsula against Axis mechanized and air forces waging Germany's first big offensive in six months, the Soviet High Command reported tonight.

The Red Army appeared to have absorbed successfully the impact of the offensive aimed up the 66-mile peninsula tipping the eastern Crimea, the end of which lies but four miles from the Caucasian coast.

"Our troops on the Kerch Peninsula continued to fight stubborn battles with the enemy Tuesday," the late night communique reported 24 hours after the High Command had announced that the Germans had taken the initiative on a sector of Soviet front for the first time this year.

The morning communique had said that nothing of significance occurred during the night—an apparent oblique implication that the

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War Essay Contest Winners:

War Savings Bonds to the five winners of the "What It Means to Be An American" contest. Left to right, are Alvin M. Kaye, P. S. 31, Brooklyn; Gerda Kemink, Jane Addams Vocational H. S., Bronx; Ger-

aldine Vinnick, J. H. S. 66, grand prize winner; Mayor LaGuardia presents \$25 Lorraine Tierney, P. S. 19, Richmond, and Ruth Alice Faery, George Washington H. S., Manhattan, academic high school winner, receiving the award.

(Daily Worker Photo)

Citrine to Bring Unity Proposal Before AFL

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 12.—An alliance of the Anglo-Soviet-American trade union movements to consolidate labor's efforts to win the war, as proposed by Sir Walter Citrine, will be considered by the AFL executive council which opens here tomorrow.

Headquarters of the American Federation of Labor made this announcement today, in stating that the general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress will appear before the council meeting with his proposal.

The Federation announcement listed the following vital subjects to be considered by the council:

1. Legislation—The status of anti-labor proposals in Congress and steps necessary to prevent their enactment.

2. Manpower-mobilization—The policies to be followed by the new Federal Manpower Board, headed by Paul V. McNutt, will be studied.

3. Taxes—The entire subject of war taxes, and especially the Treasury Department's latest recommendations for lowering personal exemptions will be analyzed.

4. General War Policies—As affecting labor, war will be reviewed and determined.

5. War Bonds—Plans for extending and increasing purchases of war bonds by AFL members will be taken up.

6. International Relations—Sir

Walter Citrine, Secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, will appear before the Council to propose an alliance of the Anglo-Soviet-American trade union movements to consolidate labor's efforts to win the war.

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'We Are America,' Say City's Children

By Harry Raymond

Prize-winning essays written by school children of various nationalities—and presented to Mayor LaGuardia yesterday—told a graphic story of how the city's boys and girls are keeping pace with their parents in their all-out war effort.

In his office at City Hall the Mayor awarded a \$25 War Savings Bond to each of five winners of an essay contest held as part of the "I Am An American Day" celebration to be observed in Central Park Mall Sunday afternoon.

"America belongs to us. We must fight for America. We are America"—such was the challenge of the grand prize winning essay on the subject: "What It Means to Be An American."

GIRL WINS GRAND PRIZE

The grand prize winner was Ger-

aldine Vinnick, student, Manhattan Junior High School student, born of Russian and Polish parents.

"All of us," said Miss Vinnick's essay, "children and grownups here in America are making sacrifice so that we may win this war. We know that after we have won this war and won peace, we shall continue to breathe the pure air of all of our freedom. America means this to us."

The academic high school prize

winner, Ruth Allene Faery, a Negro girl, of 167 W. 146th St., penned her essay from personal tragedy. Her father was saved after much suffering from a ship torpedoed while carrying munitions to Australia.

"In these tragic days," wrote

Miss Faery, who is a senior at George Washington High School, "one is not able to put down in black and white what it means to be an American, for it is something much bigger and further

Chinese Consul Greets Furriers At Convention

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 12.—Dr. Chen

Lo Chen, Chinese Consul General in Chicago, brought greetings of his government to the delegates of the 14th Biennial Convention of the Fur Division of the International Fur and Leather Workers convention at the Stevens Hotel here today.

In paying tribute to the spirit with which American workers are aiding the United Nations in the struggle against Hitlerism, Dr. Chen said: "I know that when labor un-

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Thousands Locked in 200-Mile Onslaught

Loser Faces Trap on Battlefield Extending for 200 Miles

CHUNGKING, May 12 (UP).—Two Chinese and two Japanese columns fought a running battle of encirclement across northeast Burma and the fringe of China's Yunnan Province tonight, with the loser facing a disastrous entrapment.

It was a melee that extended for 200 miles east from Mandalay, through Lashio and along the Burma Road into China, and from Lashio 180 miles north to Myitkyna.

Reinforced Japanese units were back in Yunnan Province, after having been virtually cleared out in a week-end battle at Chafang. It was believed that their goal was Kunming, eastern terminus of the Burma Road, 400 airline miles from the Burma border.

But at the rear of the Yunnan invaders, two columns of China's Burma troops, one from the Salween and one from the Irrawaddy River sectors, had joined east of Mandalay and were driving on Lashio, base of operations for the Japanese troops in Yunnan.

As explained by a Chinese military commentator, the Japanese used three full divisions (80,000 to 75,000 men) in their drive through eastern and central Burma and they kept two more divisions in reserve at Rangoon, ready to reinforce any sector that needed help. One division went up the Salween, one up the Mandalay railroad, and one up the Irrawaddy River.

The Salween division captured Lashio and pushed on 180 miles to take Myitkyna. The other two columns apparently joined forces at Mandalay and now are driving northeast toward Myitkyna in an attempt to close a trap around the whole Mandalay-Lashio-Myitkyna triangle, enclosing all the Chinese troops left in Burma.

The Chinese forces from the Salween and Irrawaddy sectors, which the Japanese had by-passed, joined up east of Mandalay during the week-end. They continued east, recapturing Maymo, last provisional Burma capital, and continued toward Lashio, 100 miles away. Should they get control of the area between Mandalay and Lashio they will have cut off both the Japanese armies to the north from their main supply base at Rangoon.

And in western Burma, British Imperial forces were still making a fighting withdrawal to India along the Chindwin River. A New Delhi communique today said the British drove back the Japanese south of Shweyin, 130 miles northwest of Mandalay and 50 miles from the Indian border, on Sunday.

'An Open Letter'

Auto Union Flays Lewis For Disrupting War Unity

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 12.—The United Automobile Workers Union of 700,000 members yesterday and today took sharply to task the disruptive and sabotaging activities of John L. Lewis as expressed in a sharp speech by President R. J. Thomas, before the 127 delegates of the Ford National Council representing 115,000 workers in 55 Ford plants and in a blistering open letter published in the UAW official organ appearing today.

The Ford Council adopted a strong resolution pledging support to Philip Murray and condemning Lewis for his attacks on Murray.

Accusing John L. Lewis of "sinking while workers die," the UAW-CIO official publication today demanded that the United Mine Workers' president give active support to the nation's war effort and to the CIO President.

In the strongest attack yet aimed at Lewis, the Automobile Union publication charged Lewis with "isolationism," dictatorial acts, and with condoning character assassination attacks on other CIO affiliates by his lieutenants. It urged Lewis

not to try to split the CIO by withdrawing his union.

"An Open Letter to John L. Lewis—An Earnest Word of Warning and a Plea for Sanity" was the heading over the article in the United Automobile Worker, which, since it is censored by union officials, came as an official expression of the UAW.

Appearance of the letter followed reported warnings of Thomas that any UAW International representative or staff member who fails to support Murray in the growing war with Lewis should resign his post.

The letter to Lewis listed "five things the automobile workers ob-



Earl Browder is in prison 415 days today

COLUMNIST HITS SHIP BOTTLENECK

Walter Lippmann Confirms NMU Against Admiral Land

By John Meldon

Charges that Admiral Land, War Shipping Administrator, is a one-man bottleneck in our war shipping and shipbuilding industry have been pretty much ignored by the press.

The curtain of censorship was lifted yesterday, however, when Walter Lippmann, Herald Tribune columnist, turned his attention to the glaring defects of Admiral Land's administration of our shipbuilding and ship transportation program.

Lippmann said, in essence, what Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union president and the seamen have been saying right along; that the bottleneck in shipping will not be broken so long as the business-as-usual control of Admiral Land remains.

THE BOTTLENECK

The charges which Curran made orally before a House committee only a few weeks ago, are these:

1. Admiral Land is a virtual one-man bottleneck in our shipping program.

2. Admiral Land has consistently and with brass-hat bluntness refused every offer of help from the seamen for joint management-labor-government cooperation to solve the shipping mess.

3. Admiral Land has taken over, with what amounts to eagerness, the business-as-usual policies of the man whose protegee he was only a few years back, Joseph P. (Put 'Em In Chains) Kennedy, former chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

4. Admiral Land has continued and extended the anti-labor policies of Kennedy, and spends more time today conniving and slandering shipyard labor and the seamen than he does in attempting to put the shipbuilding and maritime industry upon a war-time basis.

Mr. Lippmann confirms this substantially in his column: "Shipping is one of the few large areas in which the spirit of business as usual still holds us back. It holds us back

in the building of ships, where secondary considerations, and too low an estimate of what can be done, and too soft an estimate of what people will put up with to win the war, stand in the way of a drastic concentration of shipping for essential military purposes.

"The shipping problem can be mastered, as indeed it must be mastered. But first there will have to be a reorganization as drastic as that which liquidated the OPM and the policy of business as usual."

The Herald Tribune columnist has dug into the heart of the problem and his conclusions are correct.

However, while Lippmann is gentle with his friend, Admiral Land, we feel no need for such gentleness at a time when the future of civilization hangs by a frayed thread.

We join with the seamen in declaring bluntly: Admiral Land must be removed from the job.

A win-the-war man—and not a Kennedy—must take his place.

24 More Dutchmen Executed in Sweeping Unrest

Nazi Quarters in Paris Bombed; Area Ringed

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—German occupation authorities executed 24 more Dutchmen on charges of leading a secret anti-Nazi organization, bringing the total executed to 96, the Aneta news agency said today.

Three others were sentenced to prison terms after trial on charges of espionage, possession of arms and "aiding the enemy."

The Aneta agency said the total number of Dutchmen executed or sent to prison for alleged implication in the anti-Nazi plot was 108, indicating a "large-scale movement with important ramifications."

Germans Murder 876 Citizens of Loozova

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, May 12.—A special Commission has drawn up a detailed statement on the murder, plunder, violence and destruction perpetrated by the Hitlerites during their stay in Loozova. The German-Rumanian bandits tortured, shot and hanged 876 peaceful citizens and captive Red Armymen.

During their rule in Loozova, the German-Rumanian bandits looted and destroyed 23,346,364 rubles worth of valuables. This sum does not include the cost of property of which the fascist bandits robbed the local population.

Nazis Alarmed At Paris Bombings

VICHY, May 12 (UP).—German and pro-Nazi French police have isolated large sections of downtown Paris and blocked subway traffic in a hunt for anti-Nazi who bombed six hotels and restaurants, dispatches from the German army, dispatches from the city said today.

There were no casualties in the attacks, it was understood, but the Germans interpreted them as one of the most serious challenges since their occupation of the French capital.

The scale of this fresh outbreak of terrorism was believed to show that a well organized band of perhaps many members was at work in the city.

Japanese Arrest Dutch Citizens

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—A German news agency dispatch from Tokyo, quoted by the Aneta Dutch news agency, reported today that "several hundred" Dutch citizens have been arrested in Batavia by Japanese military authorities.

3 British Destroyers Sunk in Mediterranean

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—Three British destroyers, all less than three years old, have been sunk in a German air attack in the eastern Mediterranean but there were more than 500 survivors, indicating that casualties were light, the Admiralty announced today.

Named to British Post

LONDON, May 11 (UP).—Dr. Charles Galton Darwin, 54, grandson of the author of "The Origin of the Species," has been named scientific advisor to the British Army Council. It was announced today. He has been director of the National Physical Laboratory since 1938.

Nazis Fill Gaps with Sick; Drain Industry

Prisoner Tells of Crisis in Manpower; Older Generation Now Used at Front

By E. M. Rubinstein
(Soviet War Correspondent)
(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 12.—Wounded soldiers released from Germany's hospitals and mainly workers from the war industries figure prominently among the reserves thrown recently by the German fascist command on the Soviet-German Front.

Of course, wounded men nursed back to health and rested can be comparatively able fighters as they have already had certain experience at the front. But the Nazi High Command, to fill the gaps at the front, is frequently withdrawing from hospitals soldiers who are not only in need of rest but are not even completely cured.

A striking characteristic of these reserves is afforded by the testimony of war prisoner Rudolf Poeser, a private in the 468th Infantry Regiment, 288th Infantry Division.

"The German rear," he said, "is filled with hospitals. The wounded and sick are not kept there for long. There is a schedule which prescribes a fixed number of patients to be released by a certain date. Sometimes such instructions are given ahead of schedule. In such a case, a soldier with his wounds not yet healed is sent to a so-called 'Gensungskompanie'."

"The soldiers' companies," he said, "are 'Verwundungskompanien' as they receive no treatment but very poor food. The companies are also given quotas prescribing them by a certain date to give a fixed number of men for replacement units. Since the number of healthy men is usually inadequate, the stamp 'Fit for Service' is also given to the sick. I myself saw men arrive with suppurating wounds and high fever."

Testimony of war prisoners and letters from the German rear show that the hospitals release soldiers, particularly those who have already served at the Soviet-German front, and the latter return in an extremely depressed state of mind. Feeling beforehand that they are doomed, they not only do not help to raise the fighting capacity of the units, but by their stories succeed still more in dampening the far from belligerent spirit of the novices.

The reserves which have arrived at the front in recent months consist overwhelmingly of men aged 30 to 45—representatives of an entirely different generation than the fascist youth which predominate in Hitler's army units exterminated at the Soviet-German front. These men matured and developed prior to the fascist coup. In spite of all efforts of the fascists over a period of ten years to annihilate the most active section of this generation of working people, in spite of all befuddling of the masses with the triumphant beating of Goebbels' propaganda, and brazen social demagoguery and delirium of racial "theories," the men of this generation still retained a certain capacity to think, to compare and to counterpose.

Red Army Unit Finds Lost Town Buried in Desert

Leads Scientists to Kharkum Ruins, Destroyed in 1158

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 12.—During tactical exercises in the desert of Karakum, a Red Army unit discovered the ruins of the ancient town of Dendekhan, last mentioned in 1158 when the Huz Nomads attacked the town and annihilated part of its population, and the survivors left the town following a severe battle.

Details of the discovery of the ruins of Dendekhan are told in dispatches received from Ashkhabad. One evening Professor V. Zakharov and Archaeologist S. Yershov were recounting their impressions from a visit to the Ashkhabad Museum.

"Think of it, the inhabitants of sandy deserts, the nomads of yesterday, are now preserving the works of Italian masters in the Ashkhabad Museum, while the Italians drop bombs near the Odessa Opera House," the professor said. "The 'savage' Turkmenians are preserving the classical paintings

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Hails Spirit of American Labor, Union Votes \$5,000 Donation

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derlates to carry out a project that project will be carried out well and successfully."

Further speaking of the fight of heroic China against Axis aggression and aid to the United Nations in the struggle against Hitlerism, Dr. Chen said: "Our strength lies in the fact that we know what we are fighting for—a full life, a life of harmony, respect, esteem and full development. China has sacrificed much for this; it will give millions of lives more if necessary."

UNION VOTES FUNDS

To start the union drive to help the great Chinese people the Furriers Union upon motion of International President Ben Gold voted unanimously to contribute \$5,000 to be used for the establishment of a hospital unit for the Chinese Army. Alderman Earl B. Dickerson, of Chicago's largest Negro ward and member of President Roosevelt's Fair Labor Practices Committee addressed the delegates and praised the union for its constant fight against discrimination and equality of all American workers.

"I find democracy working in this labor union. This equality of opportunity I am preaching about all over the Nation. I commend your organization for making it a living thing in America," Mr. Dickerson told the delegates.

A great tribute was paid the leadership of the Furriers Union when the delegates burst into a thunderous ovation at the conclusion of the reading of the officers' report during the morning session.

First Chinese Flier to Be Trained for Army

HONOLULU, May 12 (UP).—Staff Sgt. Henry Kwai Wa Young, 25, of Hickam Field, is the first American of Chinese ancestry to be selected for aviation training in the United States Army Air Corps in Hawaii. The Army revealed today. Young will take pilot training to become an officer.

Freighter Sunk

OTTAWA, May 12 (UP).—A freighter was sunk by an enemy submarine in the St. Lawrence River yesterday, Navy Minister Angus MacDonald announced today.

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has written about sternator gas, one of these deadly poisons:

"The symptoms of sternator gas are most curious. They cause victims to have terrific pains in the head and chest—the head pains being like that caused when fresh water gets into the nose, but infinitely more severe. These symptoms are accompanied by the most appalling distress and mental misery. Soldiers poisoned by these substances have to be prevented from committing suicide—others went mad and tried to burrow into the ground to escape from imaginary pursuers."

Another authority, writing in the British Medical Journal on the same type of gas, stated:

"The picture of utter dejection and hopeless misery furnished by these gases has no counterpart in any other type of gas poisoning—men go mad with their pain and misery. The pain in the eyes caused by the sternator gas makes the victim imagine his eyes are full of grit. These arsenical gases also affect the locomotor nerves and create a state of paralysis."

This is what the Hitlerite barbarian clique has in store for all mankind.

The Soviet Union, since its inception, has been preparing for the day when it will have to defend its country from the invader, and it ignored nothing in its preparations. Yet in 1929, at a session of the Preliminary Commission of the League of Nations, the Soviet delegates headed by Maxim Litvinov, submitted two brief but unambiguous proposals: (1) That all the means and instruments for chemical attack and bacteriological war-

fare belonging to the different armies, in reserve and in production, be destroyed within three months; and (2) that all industrial plants turning out the means of chemical attack and bacteriological warfare cease production within the same period.

The Nazis are threatening to unleash poisonous gas upon the world. Prime Minister Churchill has already spoken up on behalf of the British people, and now the American people must speak out—clearly and unequivocally. Upon German-Americans, in particular, rests a responsibility to clear the German name by putting all their energies into the fight against the Axis.

Our answer must be that the United States will give ten for one in any attempt on the part of the Nazis to use poison gas. Churchill and Roosevelt have said that American Flying Fortresses will soon be roaring over Germany. It goes without saying that they should carry cargoes of poison gas. Hitler will move with greater caution if he is convinced that the United Nations will not pussyfoot on this issue!

The Russians have informed the world about the incredible Nazi atrocities in countless towns and villages of the USSR. Millions throughout the world sympathize with the great struggle of the Russians. But they need more than platonic sympathy; they need aid such as being organized by the Russian Relief. They need action. They need military supplies. Above all they need the SECOND FRONT.

Women's Army Corps Voted by Congress

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—Congress today passed and sent to the White House a bill creating a Women's Auxiliary Army Corps of 150,000 members to serve in non-combatant posts with the American Army anywhere in the world. The women soldiers would be subject to the same disciplinary measures and penalties applying in the Army.

Last obstacle in the path of the controversial House-approved measure was removed when the Senate adopted it by a vote of 38 to 27

after defeating an amendment to restrict activities of the feminine army to the continental United States.

Sen. Francis T. Maloney, D. Conn., sponsor of the amendment, declared the bill "casts a shadow on the sanctity of the home."

His amendment was defeated 37 to 26, with Sen. Hattie Caraway, D. Ark., the only woman Senator, voting a resounding "No" with the majority.

The measure permits the Army to enroll up to 150,000 women between the ages of 21 and 45 for clerical and other non-combatant posts now filled by able-bodied fighting men. The WAAC would consist of first leaders, with annual pay of \$864; leaders, \$720 annually; junior leaders, \$648, and auxiliaries, \$21 monthly for the first four months of service and \$30 thereafter. Additional pay would be granted for specialists.

Sen. Warren R. Austin, R. Vt., said that among other duties members of the WAAC could be used to man aircraft detection devices and similar jobs which "would relieve able-bodied men for combat."

At Austin's request, two Senators withdrew amendments to prevent discrimination in the WAAC because of race, creed or color. Austin, who was in charge of the bill, said he was in favor of the amendments but that they would hold up final action.



(AS OF MAY 11TH)

Exactly as the naval and air battle of the Coral Sea was misrepresented by the sensationalist press as a "Japanese rout," so the successes of the Chinese forces in northern Burma were misrepresented as a "crushing defeat" for the Japanese. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be so. We still feel sure that the main objective is the Assam Road. This seems to be borne out by the bombing of Imphal by the Japanese and by their capture of Bhamo and Myitkyna.

The Chinese forces in the Mandalay area are guerrillas, as we contended all along, and it is hardly probable that they will be able seriously to stem the flow of Japanese reinforcements. The Japanese suffered a reverse on the Yunnan border and this reflects the great credit upon the Chinese troops of General Stilwell, but the enemy made this thrust only as a covering operation for his main effort being directed along the line Bhamo-Myitkyna-Sadiya. This is where developments must be awaited.

Small scale offensive action by Allied air and naval forces continues north of Australia and on the sea lanes leading to Japan itself.

It is probable that the first rumblings of the coming storm on the Eastern Front are being heard now. The German local offensive on the Kerch Peninsula may be a diversion to distract the attention of the Red Army from the spot where the main blow will be struck. It is hardly probable that the Germans will strike their main blow on such a restricted sector along a direction which leads straight into the water of the Straits of Kerch.

Be this as it may, we do not doubt that we are entering a period of almost unbearable nervous tension when rumors will fly thick and real news will be scarce.

Once again, on the eve of momentous battles and decisions, we wish to warn our readers against those rumors.

They have already made their appearance.

Yesterday the New York Times carried a Bernese dispatch from Daniel T. Brigham.

Mr. Brigham writes, among other things: "Reports from semi-official Moscow circles this morning indicated that the Germans had engaged a vast military machine made up of 24 armored divisions, between 1,000 and 2,000 line planes and an immense force of infantry on a 250-mile front between Dnepropetrovsk and the Kerch Peninsula."

What kind of silly kidding is this? There ain't no such animal as "semi-official Moscow circles." Moscow "circles" are either official or not at all. Secondly, where did Mr. Brigham find those "Moscow circles"? In Bern?

This is but one example of things to come. So—steady, my friends. Keep your nerves "collected," as we say in the cavalry of a horse which is well in hand and remember that with only one real front in Europe, there surely will be temporary disappointments, reverses and anxious moments. The immense power of the concentrated fascist military machine is bound to make some dents and bulges in the front, but having failed once it will fail again. That much is sure.

The steadiness of your nerves, my readers, is just as important as that of the fighting men. They have more reasons to get jumpy than we have, and they don't falter.

Italy Desperate, People Against War, Say Visitors

LISBON, May 12 (UP).—Italy is the story of many people dying daily of hunger in the streets of Greek cities and towns.

Many others have gone insane because of their plight, said food-stuffs are all but exhausted, and most domestic animals have been eaten.

Destroyer Launched 6 Months Ahead of Time

Delivery to the U. S. Navy of the destroyer Lardner at the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, almost six months ahead of the contract date, was made yesterday by the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp.

The ship was launched at the Federal Shipyard in Kearny, N. J. on March 30 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sidney F. Tyler, 2nd, of Paoli, Pennsylvania, the great granddaughter of the late Rear Admiral James Lawrence Lardner, U. S. N., for whom she named the vessel. This is the second destroyer to bear the name Lardner. The first was decommissioned and scrapped.

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"Must you play dance music even when daddy and I are in mourning?"

Pegler Makes Another Fascist Attack Upon the Negro People

Plays Nazi Tune in Spreading Hatred

By Ben Davis, Jr.
Westbrook Pegler's foul campaign against the Negro people.
Last Monday—the very day that President Roosevelt awarded the Navy cross medal to Doris Miller for distinguished bravery at Pearl Harbor—Pegler invidiously attacked the Negro people as “inferior.”

This is one of the scurrilous lies that Hitler wants Americans to think. It is the sort of disunity poison that Archibald MacLeish warned against when he indicted those who try to divide the nation, class against class and race against race.

In his column of April 28, Pegler tried to create the impression that he was hitting only at two of the largest Negro newspapers, the Chicago Defender and the Pittsburgh Courier. The Daily

Worker warned then Pegler was aiming at the whole Negro people and that he was using these Negro publications as a foil.

Pegler's column Monday proves the warning. This time he pretends to be attacking Howard University, leading Negro institution, and also Negroes who protested his column of April 28. But again he is attacking the whole Negro people and national unity.

Because one Negro writes a letter in protest against Pegler's Goebbels-like abuse, Pegler compares him with “criminals and dictators in the union racket.” Here Pegler is attempting to slander the labor movement—his chief hate—as well as the Negro people. He wants to smear the justified demands of the Negro for full equality in the war effort just as he tries to bust up the trade unions which Gen. MacArthur described as the “indestructible backbone” of the war.

Pegler's column also contained numerous insinuations about the “so-called intelligence” of the Negro people and that Negro newspapers are “inferior” to “standard white” newspapers. Change the word “newspapers” to “people” and you get the Nazi-like meaning of Pegler.

But everything is no longer Pegler's way. The very fact that he was compelled to acknowledge the protests against his first anti-Negro column shows that the days of his smooth going are over. By the same token he has recently been condemned by labor unions and by scores of Americans for his libels against Earl Browder and the movement for Browder's freedom.

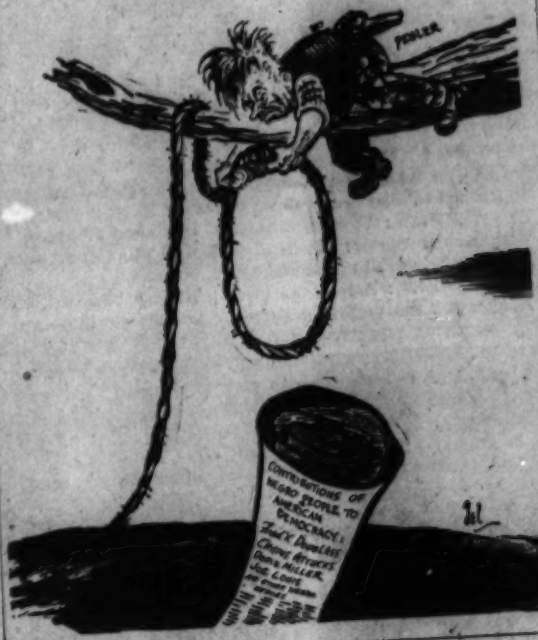
While Pegler tries to disrupt the war effort and incite race hatred, such Negro heroes as Doris Miller, Joe Louis and the thousands of others in industry and in the armed forces are giving their all to the saving of the nation. Why should Pegler's gutter-snipe journalism be allowed to defame the Negro people?

The treatment of the Negro

people—with all their valiant contributions to our democratic institutions—is a national disgrace. The existence of such things as lynching, discrimination, fascist blood-theories, and Ku Kluxism such as Pegler's can no longer be tolerated without jeopardizing everything we are fighting for against Hitler. In the spirit of President Roosevelt's anti-Negro proclamations, the national government should end these crimes speedily.

Westbrook Pegler's writings are the most degenerate in the American press. This man's poison pen has introduced a real gutter note into journalism which is insulting to every newspaper reader. And the fact that the World-Telegram makes Pegler its chief columnist is on a par with the whole defeatist line of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain.

The trade unions should raise their voice loud and long against Pegler and demand an end to his Hitlerite incitements.



Bill Grants Aid to Soldiers' Families

McNutt Backs Plan for Payments to Servicemen's Dependents

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt urged Congress today to establish a system of financial assistance for the dependents of men in the armed forces “for the sake of national morale.”

The House, meantime, was scheduled to take up a Senate bill to raise the base pay of enlisted men in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The bill provides for a minimum of \$42 for privates, and the corresponding rank in the Navy, and would boost the pay of the lowest grade of commissioned officer in all three services.

McNutt told the House Military Affairs Committee that he was in complete accord with pending legislation to provide family allowances for dependents of enlisted men. The bill provides for federal contributions to match, and in some cases to exceed, those that an enlisted man would be required to make to his dependents.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

The bill also authorizes the Federal Security Administration to make supplementary grants in cases where an investigation reveals that additional financial assistance is needed. This phase of the bill has been criticized by some members of Congress.

McNutt quoted selective service figures to show that 10,785,000 men—65 per cent of those registered—had been deferred for dependency up to January 1. He said that in an all-out war it is “unthinkable” to make blanket exemptions for dependency, but added that an allowance system should be established before men with dependents are inducted into service.

McNutt said that aid to dependents would not become a burden upon state and local governments or upon private philanthropy.

Under the pending measure, a married man would allot \$20 a month

to his wife and the government would match the amount, giving the wife a total of \$40. In addition, the government would pay an extra \$10 monthly for each child.

McNutt recommended that a policy board, including representatives of the Army, Navy, Selective Service and the FSA, be established to administer the allotment program. He asked that Congress place no limit on the supplementary grants which his agency could make. A system of flat allowances, he added, would be “highly un-democratic” because it would treat all cases, regardless of hardship, the same.

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We're Over the 'Hump' of Production, Now Let's Attack, Says Illinois CIO

Sooner We Use Our Weapons, Sooner We Win, Parley Says

By Conrad Komorowski
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 11.—America has crossed the “hump” of production; let us “unleash our gathering might on a second front against the armies of Hitler,” this was the vibrant, smashing declaration of the Statewide Production Conference summoned by the Illinois State Industrial Union

Council held yesterday.

Pledging to push production to heights never before attained, to smash every obstacle in the way, the men from the basic war industries—tank, aircraft, mining, steel, packing and toolmaking—who have already begun to outproduce the Axis, voiced this urgent and clarion call for action now and today, together with the British and Soviet trade union movements.

These men spoke with authority; these are the men sweating to produce a good part of the \$2,250,000,000 in war contracts here.

WARRIORS IN OVERALLS

These men know what is at stake. Samuel Levin, president of both the State and Chicago CIO Councils, expressed their daily thoughts. “Labor realizes the importance of production. We realize we must win the war. We know how much is at stake. We want to retain democracy and liberty.”

The representative of Philip Murray, Pullerton Pulton, who is both CIO Regional Director and secretary of the Chicago CIO Council, speaking out of the depth of his experience with all sections of the CIO movement and with the AFL in joint actions, declared “the workers of this country are solid for winning the war.”

Robert Travis, vice-president of the State CIO Council, in pointing out the need for the offensive now to save America and shorten the period of suffering and misery forced upon the world by the enemy of humanity, Hitler, lashed at the traitorous elements behind the lines.

“The Attorney-General's office,” he said, “has condemned Social Justice and barred it from the mails. I see no difference between Social Justice and the Chicago Tribune.”

“The labor movement is being harassed by flank attacks from the Kallenbushs and Vincos, but we are going to keep our eye on the ball and produce.”

“Whether it be Peley in Indiana, Smith and Coughlin in Detroit, or McCormick in Chicago, we are going to push them aside and unleash the forces of production to open an offensive on the continent of Europe.”

In this drive for greatly increased production, the opening of the production front, and international union cooperation, the importance of time was stressed time and time again.

Samuel Levin pointed out, “There is much talk of misunderstandings and controversy. There is none in the rank and file of labor.”

Significantly enough, represented at the conferences were many locals of the United Mine Workers, District 12, which is headed by the John L. Lewis-appointed Ray Edmundson, who recently resigned all posts in the CIO as part of the Lewis defeatist and disruptive campaign against labor and the war effort.

This sentiment of the conference was crystallized in a resolution to extend fraternal greetings to Shverdluk and Chirine, leaders of the



What's in a Name:

In training at the Midland Army Flying School, Texas, is A. Vior. He will soon graduate and put his training to work against the Axis.

Cleveland CIO Local Urges Western Front

CLEVELAND, May 12.—“Today the United Nations are in a position to take the offensive,” declares Local 725 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), here in a resolution just passed asking for a Western Front against Hitler.

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New 'Air Medal' for Pilots Ordered by FDR

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The Red Herring

A wonderful thing happened on Capitol Hill last week. Senator Bailey, chairman of the Commerce committee, gave our merchant marine sailors a pat on the back. No subversive influences were at work among them, he said. They were giving “magnificent performance” under fire.

And it seems that Joe Curran, the fiery leader of east coast shipping unions, is a tower of strength in the war effort. On the west coast Harry Bridges, the man whose name California business men once feared their babies with, told shipyard workers at a mass-meeting, according to United Press:

“Let's forget the chattering and fighting with the management until after the war. Let's remember we have only one enemy now, and that isn't the employer of American labor.”

After that he shook hands with the manager of the shipbuilding company. And have you seen the Daily Worker, the communist party organ? It is doing as much as any newspaper in the country to push the war effort on all fronts. At the same time the radical magazine New Masses publishes what is probably the most provocative article of the week, a constructive expose of the slowdowns in east coast shipping.

The red herring has gone back into the barrel for the duration.

Here is the editorial of the Chicago “Times”

'Red Herring' Dead, Says Chicago 'Times'

Praises Role of Labor in War Effort; Commends Curran, Bridges

The Chicago Daily Times this week, surveying a few recent happenings on the labor front, concludes that “the red herring has gone back into the barrel for the duration.”

An editorial, reproduced above, notes that the country's merchant marine seamen have received Senatorial commendation for a “magnificent performance” under fire, that Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union leader, “is a tower of strength in the war effort,” and that Harry Bridges, West Coast longshoreman leader, is concerned with “only one enemy now, and that isn't the employer of American labor.”

It even tosses a bouquet in our direction and says of the Daily Worker that “it is doing as much as any newspaper in the country to push the war effort on all fronts.”

It describes a story in the current New Masses as “probably the most provocative article of the week, a constructive expose of the slowdown in east coast shipping.”

Which is all very good and all very true. But the Chicago Times forgets that the red herring is still very much with us—Martin Dies, Ham Fish, Robert Reynolds, Gerald P. Nye, Howard Smith and many more are still doing business at the same old fish stand.

There is still a good deal to be done before the red herring is put back into the barrel, and the lid nailed down, and the barrel tossed overboard.

Prado Visits Detroit War Industries

DETROIT, May 12 (UP).—President Manuel Prado of Peru arrived from Washington today for a one-day tour of war plants in the area.

Prado, who has been visiting government officials, including President Roosevelt, was to be taken to the Ford Willow Run bomber plant and through the factories at the River Rouge plant.

Shoe Union Backs FDR's 7-Point Plan

Executive Board Parley Urges Pay Rise for Lower Categories

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, May 12.—The General Executive Board of the United Shoe Workers, CIO, concluded its sessions here in the Southern Hotel, by backing the 7-point anti-inflation program of President Roosevelt.

The board opposed wage freezing for the underpaid shoe workers, and proposed instead increases in wage rates for these workers, preliminary to stabilization.

In a resolution on CIO policy the board, backing Philip Murray's leadership, declared, “we will not tolerate any individual or group of individuals that will disrupt the unity of any single international or the CIO as a whole.”

A report to the executive board showed progress in the organization of the International Shoe Co. and the Brown Shoe Co. plants. While only a minority of the plants are as yet organized the union has won union maintenance clauses from both companies, as well as wage increases and a week's vacation with pay.

Regional offices were set up for New England and Ohio, with Harry Capell and George Martin, respectively, in charge.

Other action taken by the board included: endorsement of the anti-poll tax drive; commendation to Vice-President Wallace, and Congressman Marcantonio and Elliot for their opposition to the Dies Committee; and commendation of the New York State law against discrimination in industry.

Council Bills Ask Free Fare to Service Men

Cacchione, Cohen Measures Sent to Committee; Get Wide Support

A demand came from both the majority and minority sides of the City Council yesterday that soldiers, sailors and marines be permitted to ride free on the city-owned subway lines.

Side by side with Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione's original servicemen's bill, which would grant free transportation to soldiers and sailors, another bill, almost identical, introduced by Councilman Louis Cohen, Bronx Democrat, was sent to the committee on city affairs.

The Cacchione Bill, which is the more carefully drafted of the two measures, would add a new section to Section 376-1.0 of the Administrative Code of the City, making the free subway transportation of the servicemen uniform mandatory. The law, upon adoption, would remain in effect for the duration of the war.

FOLLOWS CACCHIONE BILL

The Cohen Bill, a more loosely drafted local law, would amend Section 376-2.0 of the Administrative Code, but no wartime limitation is placed on the amendment.

It was admitted at City Hall, although Councilman Cohen said he did not know Councilman Cacchione's local law was being introduced, that introduction of the Cac-

chione measure had put the Democrats on the spot.

The Cohen Bill was hastily drafted during the 24 hours elapsing between the announcement of the contents of the Cacchione Bill and its actual introduction yesterday.

It has been an unwritten rule in the Council that minority members must present their bills and resolutions a day before the Council is called into session. They are treated like poor relations. This gives majority members an opportunity to lobby and rewrite minority legislation, having popular support, and to introduce it as their own on the day of the Council meeting.

At any rate, it appeared yesterday that the idea of free rides on city transit lines for servicemen has support of both sides of the house. Whether the Cacchione Bill or the Cohen Bill is adopted, it is a record.

Cohen-Bill is adopted, it is a record and well-known fact that Councilman Cacchione was the man who initiated the legislation in the City Council.

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Why Take Defeatism with Your Butter?

By Alan Max

BOAKE CARTER, whose labor-baiting got him driven off the air-waves several years ago by an outraged labor movement, is back again—this time under the sponsorship of the Land O'Lakes Creamery, a Wisconsin company.



BOAKE CARTER

which, according to the U. S. Office of Facts and Figures,

If Carter, one of Hearst's hired pets, were only selling butter, it wouldn't be so bad. But with each pound of butter goes a package of Boake Carter Defeatism and Pro-Fascism.

Mindful of the days when labor forced him off the air because of his vitriolic union-busting, Carter is more guarded and subtle these days. But for the real content behind his broadcasts, just examine his columns in the N. Y. Mirror and other Hearst papers. Every idea

Hitler wants Americans to believe, is duly handed out by Carter.

Here are some of the pro-Hitler ideas in recent columns of Boake Carter:

APRIL 17: Attacked the smash-Hitler-now campaign by declaring that the war could not end before 1947. Also attempted to discredit the entire cause of the United Nations with such words as: "When we've licked the Axis we will have a peculiar period trying to figure out who is to get what," etc.

APRIL 21: Violently attacked President Roosevelt with such words as: "Until Washington 'statesmen' can squelch their desire to run the war," etc.

APRIL 24: Attempted to stop British bombing of Nazi munitions plants in Paris by pretending that the

bombing was really desired by Hitler. Also attempted to minimize the possibilities of resistance by the French people to Laval and Hitler.

MAY 1: Sought to sow discord among the United Nations by questioning the Soviet Union as an ally. At the same time tried to throw cold water on the campaign for a Western Front by slyly declaring that this was a "trap" and that "Hitler is anxious to draw the British OUT of the safety of the British Isles."

MAY 4: Jeered at gasoline rationing.

MAY 6: Attacked the 40-hour week law and the President's 7-point anti-inflation program.

Back in 1936 and '37, Carter was carrying on a scurrilous radio campaign against the labor movement. (The

Senate Civil Liberties Committee recorded in one of its reports that Carter had been sent money by the Chain Deliveries Express, Inc., to "use at your discretion in the fight against the CIO.") He made special targets of the seamen and of the employees of the Philco Radio Company (for whom he was broadcasting at the time).

A nationwide campaign was launched by the National Maritime Union and the Philco Local of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers to have Philco drop him as radio commentator. The campaign was crowned with success.

When patriotic Americans, especially housewives, tell the Land O'Lakes Creamery that it is giving air-time over WOR and other stations to a defeatist, it too will drop Boake Defeatist Carter like a hot potato.

Wisconsin Paper Says

Keeping Browder in Prison Hurts Nation

National unity will suffer through the continued imprisonment of Earl Browder, the "Capital Times" of Madison, Wis., declared recently in a leading editorial.

The paper, one of the state's leading dailies, drew a comparison between the case of movie producer Joseph

Schenk and Browder and declared that "when American citizens contemplate discrimination so palpable as this, the conclusion arises that Mr. Schenk gets favorable consideration because he is a rich man and Mr. Browder remains in prison because he is a Communist."

The paper points out that Schenk was given a three-year sentence for conviction of cheating the United States government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in income taxes.

"Since sentence was passed, however," it says, "there undoubtedly has been some behind-the-scenes maneuvering and several days ago it was announced that Schenk's sentence had been reduced to a year and a day."

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The paper describes the difference in the cases as "palpable discrimination," and comments that "such a situation is the kind of propaganda material that Dr. Goebbels and the Nazi propagandists are looking for. Such unequal standards of justice in a democracy plays into the hands of Hitler and helps bring about division and disunity."

The paper fully endorses the statement of Professor Zechariah Chafee, Jr., of Harvard Law School that "the time Mr. Browder has already served exceeds the average sentence for similar offenses so that it may be deemed to constitute punishment for the offense," and also declares itself in full agreement with a recent editorial declaration of the New Republic:

"The editors of the New Republic have consistently opposed the Communist Party... but... the Communist Party is staunchly supporting an all-out war effort. Hundreds of thousands of trade unionists who regard the Browder case as a test of the genuineness with which we mean our democratic principles would be heartened by his release."

Tanker Sunk By Axis Sub, 14 Seamen Die

20 Survivors Landed at Florida Port by Navy

MIAMI, Fla., May 12 (UP).—Fourteen seamen died in the flaming wreckage of a medium-sized Dutch merchant ship kindled into a "fiery torch" by two torpedoes from two Axis submarines, survivors said today.

The torpedoing was the twelfth announced by the Navy since May 4 from which survivors have been landed at Florida ports.

Twenty men were saved, including the ship's master, Capt. Johannes Gistay, of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

He said that when the vessel was hit he gave orders immediately to launch the lifeboats. But so quickly did fire break out that the 14 men caught in their quarters below decks were unable to escape.

Gistay said that those saved used lifeboats which were cast adrift before the ship went under. He said he jumped into the water and swam to one of the floating rafts. His men had done likewise. They later were picked up by another vessel.

The dead included First Officer Jan Smilt and Second Officer Herman H. Tieshanks.



Blaze Routs Harlemites: One person died and five were injured in a three-alarm fire that swept the Hotel Marietta yesterday. Fire-fighting equipment is shown surrounding the building. Several dramatic rescues by ladder were made.

Admiral Lauds Union; Plant Gets 'E' Award

By Art Shieds

Nearly 2,000 union workers at Carteret, N. J., cheered yesterday afternoon as the coveted naval "E" banner ran up their flagstaff.

Rear Admiral Samuel M. Robinson awarded the banner to the workers and management of the Foster-Wheeler naval equipment plant at Carteret yesterday in recognition of the superlative production efforts of the workers.

"You are bringing victory to America," said the admiral, as he turned over the banner to workers' representatives.

Members of Local 440 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, cooperated with the management and the Navy Department in the services in the plant assembly room yesterday.

J. J. Brown, chairman of the board of directors of the Foster-Wheeler corporation paid a tribute to the workers' creative talents.

"Many of the greatest improvements in the manufacturing processes of these workers," said the corporation executive, "have been due directly to those who daily man the machines."

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Cheers rang through the plant again and again as Local Union President Richard Townsend, a plant worker himself, pledged still better results.

The workers are determined, said the union leader, to outstrip the Axis in war production.

"A production drive committee of management and labor is working in full cooperation in this plant," he continued.

"We have organized sub-committees throughout the departments of the plant. And we will shortly install a suggestion box system so every worker in the plant can help push forward this program of all-out production by contributing his ideas of improved methods and efficiency."

The workers are producing for a second front in Europe, said Townsend, amid cheers.

"As a result of our efforts," he declared, "we hope to contribute more to our allies, China, Great Britain and the Soviet Union. . . . And we also look forward hopefully to the opening of a second front against the Nazis in Europe and bringing the war to a rapid and successful conclusion."

3 Killed in Montana Passenger Plane Crash

MILES CITY, Mont., May 12 (UP).—A Northwest Airlines passenger plane overshot the Municipal Airport and crashed today, killing three crew members, but two Army officers broke out of the wreckage and rescued the stewardess and eight other passengers.

Blast Traps 46 Miners, 2 Die

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., May 12 (UP).—Two miners were known dead and 46 others were missing today after an explosion at the Osage, W. Va., mine No. 3 of the Christopher Coal Co.

A. K. Bloom, U. S. Bureau of Mines inspector, said the bodies had been removed from the workings and that rescue workers were fighting through blast-torn tunnels to find the missing.

The scene of the blast is five miles west of here.

J. L. Neville, assistant secretary of the company, said about 130 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred, but that at least 45 had emerged unhurt.

Neville said the location of the blast had not been determined, although it was presumably deep in the workings.

Rescue workers went in to seek survivors.

End Dies Committee, Teamsters Say

Washington State Union Issues Blast; Parley to Open June 1

By Ellen McGrath
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 12.—An end to the Dies Committee was urged by the Joint Council of Teamsters in Washington State, as preparations go forward for the annual session of the Western Conference of Teamsters, to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 1 to 5.

Action of the Joint Council was made known in an editorial of "The Washington Teamster" which presents the official position of the organization.

"Let the Dies probe die," the editorial declared. "In its entire existence it has not produced one fact worth a thin dime, though it has labored hard to smear all who disagreed."

"Wouldn't it be better to drop this sort of investigating for the duration?"

"Isn't this a mighty good time for the Dies Committee to disintegrate, as they say in Congress?"

Exceptional interest is shown in the Western Conference of Teamsters this year because of the war thrusting the Western states into the theatre of military operations. It is expected that the convalescing drawing over 300 delegates, will draft a vigorous program to help win the war.

Judge Joseph A. Padway, chief counsel for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will address the convalescing, it was announced by Dave Beck, international representative.

Paul Revelle, who heads the teamsters promotional league in the Pacific Northwest, announced that Beck would have an important message for the teaming trades.

"Beck will talk not only about the work of the unions in the last year but will give first hand information regarding the problems which arise from the rubber shortage and the part that the teaming crafts will play in the vital war effort," Revelle said.

Others who will address the convalescing are announced, as follows: Governor Charles Sprague of Oregon; Mayor Earl Riley of Portland; and Wm. M. Short, coordinator of the Cleaners and Dyers Association in Seattle.

Carrying out the wartime tempo on the West Coast, the arrangements committee have booked business sessions in the evenings with very little time given over for entertainment.

"What the teamsters can do to help win the war will be closely studied," Revelle said.

UAW-CIO Wins Poll At Studebaker Plant

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 12.—The CIO United Auto Workers scored a smashing victory here in an NLRB election at the Studebaker plant.

This plant is one of the new war industries recently established in the Chicago area, and is one of the key plants in war production.

The CIO received 1,808 votes. The AFL vote was 314, and 164 workers voted for neither organization.

CIO Confident as Labor Poll in U.S. Steel Begins

250,000 May Vote in Elections; Steel Union Seeks Exclusive Bargaining

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, May 12.—Complete confidence in victory in NLRB consent elections beginning today in all U.S. Steel Corporation subsidiaries was expressed at Steel Union headquarters here.

Today's elections are at minor sections of the "Big Steel" set-up, Columbia Steel, Scully Steel and Universal Atlas Cement. American Steel and Wire is scheduled to vote next Thursday.

Bigger subsidiaries, including Carnegie-Illinois and National Tube, will hold election later in the month, until every branch of the country's largest steel corporation will have been covered.

"We are confident of victory in each of the elections," Steel Workers Organizing Committee spokesmen said today.

The union has never lost an election in a plant where at least 5,000 men were involved. Approximately 190,000 workers in such companies as Bethlehem Steel have voted to have the SWOC as their exclusive bargaining agent.

All indications are that this number will now be swelled by the more than 250,000 employed in U.S. Steel plants. Reports from the plant show successful maintenance of the organization which resulted in U.S. Steel being the first to sign any sort of contract with the union.

Steel workers can vote "Yes," "No" or "No Representation" in these consent elections. The SWOC, soon to change its name to the United Steel Workers of America, is the only union contending for exclusive bargaining right in these elections.

Union demands for a union shop and for a dollar a day raise to compensate for increases in the cost of living since the last contract in March of 1941 are being raised both for Big Steel, and for four other major concerns, Bethlehem, Republic, Youngstown Steel and Tube and Inland Steel. Hearings before the War Labor Board have been completed, but no decisions have been announced as yet.

The union has had a contract with U.S. Steel since March 1937, but this granted representation only for union members. Victory in the elections beginning today will mean that the union will have exclusive bargaining rights in all save a few small shops in the fabricating industry where the AFL has contracts and in the single instance of F. T. Wehr's National Steel Co., among larger steel producers.

'We Are America,' Say City's Children

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from a seven-months trip to Australia, his nerves shattered, his mind tormented.

"How could he possibly escape from the horror of war when his own ship was torpedoed, when he heard men, torn in mind and body, begging him to give them aid, which was not in his power to give. To me, now, being an American means fighting, struggling and praying for our men here at home and abroad, not with words, but with heart and soul, and above all, with action."

Another prize winner was a refugee from Nazi-invaded Vienna, Garda Komink, of the Bronx, a student at Jane Addams Vocational High School.

LOVELY LADY'S MESSAGE
She told in her essay the message she received from the Statue of Liberty when she and her family entered New York Harbor. She said she heard the "lovely lady" tell her:

"You may worship as you please; You may read and write what you wish; You may go to a real baseball game and eat a hot dog; You may help make laws and even go to union meetings."

Miss Komink concluded her piece with a pledge that "as a former European who has undergone a dynamic struggle to maintain liberty, I shall endeavor in every possible way to protect, aid and fight for America."

The two younger winners, Lorraine Tierney, P. S. 19, Staten Island, and Alvin M. Kaye, 12-year-old Jewish boy of P. S. 241, Brooklyn, both stressed the four freedoms of the Bill of Rights and quoted stirring words from early American patriots.

"What did the girls do to you boys?" the Mayor asked Alvin Kaye, noting four out of the five prize winners were girls.

Then he added handing the war bond to Master Kaye: "Us little fellows are good."

To the Negro girl the Mayor said: "You express the sentiment of every loyal and patriotic man and woman in the country."

He also awarded scrolls to 23 other elementary and high school students for essays granted honorable mention.

Building Union Backs War Savings Plan
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 12 (UP).—Delegates to the AFL Building Service Employees Union convention today endorsed the principle of compulsory war savings.

Union officials said theirs was the first union to act favorably on compulsory war savings. A resolution introduced by Russell Dryer, California organizer, received the unanimous approval of delegates from 45 states representing 190,000 union members.

The resolution did not recommend a specific war savings plan but approved "whatever Congress shall provide." It urged, however, that any such plan should not place a heavy burden on those in the lowest income brackets.

Meanwhile delegates planned sweeping changes in the organization's constitution to "prevent hoodlums, racketeers and other lawbreakers from getting control."

Amendments to the constitution would increase the executive board's size by adding five vice-presidents; provide for calling a union convention within 75 days if the president or other officers were absent from duty for a prolonged period of time; and ban any person who ever has been convicted of a felony or who is not a citizen of the United States from office in the union.

Dr. Dimars Dies, Was Curator at Bronx Zoo
Dr. Raymond Lee Dimars, 68, world-renowned authority on snakes and former curator of reptiles and insects at the Bronx Zoo here, died of pneumonia yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital.

Dimars, who made his last expedition for the zoo last fall when he went to Trinidad for a collection of bats and tropical insects, entered the hospital for treatment in February. Funeral services will be held Thursday.



Soviet Crew Visitors shown being greeted by Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, when they visited the union's headquarters in New York City. Their visit to the Russian War Relief both there was the occasion for spontaneous and enthusiastic "rallies" among the CIO seamen who asked them questions about life aboard a Soviet ship and hailed the great struggle of the Russian people.

Soviet Seamen Visit a Local Union Here Pledge Common Victory

By Eric Bert

They came to the hall of the National Maritime Union at 345 W. 17 St.—four Soviet seamen and a Soviet seamstress—10 met the American men who "keep 'em sailing."

They met hundreds of seamen for as they were shown through the building from the Russian War Relief booth on the first floor to President Curran's office on the sixth floor, rumor of their visit ran ahead of them. In the halls and offices, and on the stairways seamen told one another that "real Soviet sailors were in the building."

WOMAN SAILOR

By far the most important among them was Praskovia Tishenko. As President Curran put it, when they met him, "You've got to have the cook along. You sure can't sail without a cook." Praskovia is a slight woman. She used to be chief cook on the Soviet vessel, but due

to a recent illness, has been given lighter work, buffet cook—making up sandwiches and lunches.

On her ship she is a member of the crew, like all the others—but here it was different, and she tried unsuccessfully to sidestep the time-light. But wherever the group went it was she that the seamen asked about—because the men who keep 'em sailing know better than any other what it means to be sailing now—especially for a woman.

The others were Dmitri Krasavin, Ashot Kharikian, Nikolai Kurbatov, and Yuri Tarasov.

They had met NMU seamen before, in the Soviet Union, seamen who had brought tanks and guns and planes for the eastern front. They wanted to find out what manner of union was this and so most of the questions asked came from the Soviet seamen, with the NMU members on the answering end.

"What percentage of the seamen in the country are in the union?"

they asked. When informed that there were some other smaller unions besides the NMU among seamen, they asked if that were not a "clumsy" arrangement.

"How do people join your union? How do you elect the ship's committee? What does the union do for the seamen? How does the ship committee take up grievances? What are the dues and what does the seaman get for the money he pays into the union?" The questions ran on until the NMU members asked the same questions about conditions for Soviet sailors afloat and ashore.

SOVIET SHIP LIFE

The question about grievances on Soviet ships struck a snag until it was made quite clear just what was meant. On Soviet ships, said Dmitri Krasavin Krasavin, the captain, like all other officers, belongs to the same union as the seamen, and the is a member of the ship committee. And so if there are any problems

they are as much the captain's problem as any one else. That's the basis for settling them.

NMU members wanted to know about what happens to a Soviet seaman when he is sick. "He gets sick leave until he is well," said Krasavin, "with full pay, except that he gets half wages if he is at sea less than a year."

"Just as throughout the Soviet Union," he pointed out, "women on ships have the least strenuous work."

There were a few questions about war-time sailing, but all agreed, Soviet and American seamen, that military matters were not part of the discussion. Men who have to sail submarine-infested seas are sure about that.

In two impromptu gatherings, one in the hall on the second floor, and another on the third floor the Soviet seamen through their interpreter declared their certainty "that in the common fight against the

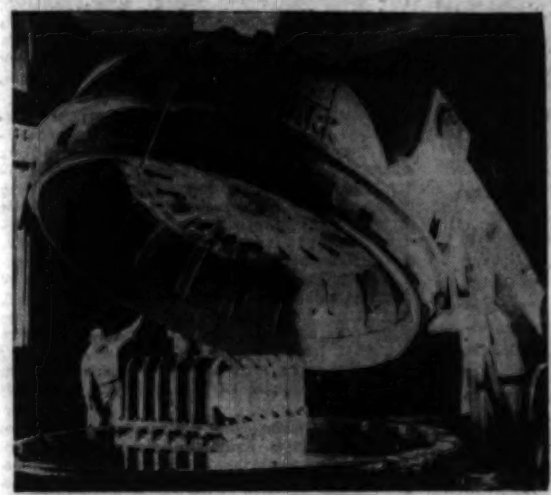
Hitlerites we shall be victorious."

Spontaneously the members of the NMU who were gathered about, men waiting for ships to sail, cheered a motion telling their Soviet fellow seamen that they were "going down the line, ready to give our lives, to defeat Hitler." The motion was adopted with gusto.

The Soviet seamen met not only the leaders of the men who sail the ships, President Curran, Secretary Hickey Smith, Treasurer Hickey Smith, but also the leaders of the men who produce the oil for the machines of war, Jack Knight, president, and Sarge Kinisley, vice president, of the Oil Workers Union, CIO.

As a token of their visit Praskovia Tishenko and her four companions received NMU pins. When these pins reach the Soviet Union, another cargo will have been landed by Soviet seamen. From there on Hitler will be on the receiving end.

10% of Open Jobs to Go to Negroes, Says Union



Makes Bullet Proof Gas Tanks: This large unit is used to vulcanize self-sealing gas tanks for the nation's war planes. Gasoline tanks made by this process do not have the danger of catching fire when hit by incendiary bullets.

Women Best Munitions Workers Will Soon Outnumber Men in War Shops

A MID-WEST MUNITIONS PLANT, May 12 (UP).—Women will soon have 55 per cent or more of the jobs in the shell production plants of the Chicago ordinance district and an increasing number of jobs in the manufacture of tanks, artillery and other implements of war, Army ordinance officials said today.

Managers and foremen of artillery projectile plants said women were far superior to men in assembly work and inspection because of greater dexterity and patience.

Women on day shifts in some shell plants inspected by reporters on an official tour of war factories outnumbered men almost two to one.

Ordnance officers oppose occupational deferments for male employees. Many wives of soldiers get their jobs when they are drafted. Plant owners proudly told how they had transformed their plants to war work almost overnight. A company which formerly manufactured pin-ball and cigarette vending machines now makes 20 mm. cartridge cases and the armor mounted in bombers and pursuit planes.

"If the Japanese don't have any more luck stopping our bullets than the customers had buying our pinball machines, we're a cinch to win this war," the manager said.

A large manufacturer of thermodynamic controls and gauges is now making 20 mm. high explosive shells for the rapid-fire cannon of the Flying Fortress bomber and other planes.

These makers of household gadgets are showing remarkable ingenuity in their new field. One manufacturer devised a machine that turns out seven times as many cartridges per minute as formerly. Engineers at another plant devised a complex machine that turns out several hundred explosive shell fuse caps per day, using nine processes. These processes each required a separate machine before and it took 20 times as long to get the same production.

CIO Electrical Local Moves to Crack Jim-Crow

Beginning today 10 per cent of all persons sent out on jobs from the hiring office of Local 478, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, will be Negroes, Charles Fay, President, announced today.

This policy was adopted unanimously by the Executive Board, Fay said, in line with the President's program for strengthening defense work by eliminating discrimination and other barriers.

The Board acted following a report by Ewart Quinlan, of the New York Labor Unity Committee, recently formed by the trade unions for the purpose of organizing the anti-discrimination fight in this area's war industries.

This action comes on the heels of the signing of Gov. Herbert H. Lehman of the Schwartzwald Bill forbidding war plants to discriminate in hiring.

The membership of Local 478 is mainly machine and instrument workers. They total some 8,000, almost all of whom are engaged in war work of one sort or another.

The organized plants of Local 478 include such important ones as E. W. Bliss, Manufacturers Machine & Tool Co. (a C. L. Norden subsidiary), Intertype Corporation, Elsmann Magneto, and International Projector Corp. These plants alone employ 7,500 men and women.

"Our membership," Fay said, "is becoming more and more alert to the dangers inherent in the practice of discrimination. We realize that maximum war effort cannot be made without utilizing every last resource."

"We feel, too, that it is one part of the fight against Jim-Crow in one part of the world and not out of the seeds here at home at the same time. Discrimination is a fascist, anti-labor weapon, and is so recognized by our members."

May Move All Enemy Aliens In Army Areas

Social Work Meetings Hears of Danger in 5th Column Activity

NEW ORLEANS, May 12 (UP).—Mass evacuation of alien living in all military areas may be necessary because of the danger of fifth column activity, Robert K. Lamb of the House Committee Investigating National Defense Migration said today.

Lamb, addressing a section of the 80th annual meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, said it was expected that more than half of the 85,000 German and Italian aliens on the West Coast may be evacuated, thus setting a precedent for military areas throughout the entire nation.

"It is difficult to estimate the full consequence of a wholesale evacuation of the alien population in an area having a population of 10,000,000," he said. "In this area alone, we may be faced with the evacuation of 350,000 people."

At present, Lamb said, it was not contemplated to move them to limited areas such as those set aside for Japanese.

"This in itself will create new problems of employment which will involve federal officials in all the existing complications of job discriminations, already a serious matter for the manpower mobilization program, not only among these enemy aliens, but for naturalized citizens and even second generation persons of German and Italian and also other origins," he said.

CIO Technicians Set Up Production Guide

New Dep't and Guide Answer Special Output Problems for Labor, Firms

The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians has established a War Production Department to coordinate the national activities of its members and to be of direct service to the labor movement and the nation's war effort, FAECT International President Lewis Alan Berns announced yesterday.

Berns said the department will be directed by Beryl Gilman.

Because of numerous requests by labor organizations this department has been created as a coordinating agency for war production activities, and will serve as a research and information agency which will provide counsel on war production questions.

To meet the many problems growing out of the vast interest in increased production in war industries, the War Production Department of the FAECT has prepared for publication a special booklet, "Producing for Victory—A Manual For Increasing War Production."

Especially prepared for labor organizations, labor-management committees, union officials and management officials, the booklet is the expression of the best modern thinking in production management and is a practical working guide for methods of increasing production efficiency.

Set under the general heading, "Improving the Efficiency of Production," the booklet is then further subdivided into four major divisions: (1) Increasing the Effectiveness of Labor; (2) Increasing the Productivity of Equipment; (3) Effective Control; These divisions are then illustrated with practical examples and elaboration based on every-day experiences in plants and shops.

Some of the problems discussed in this manual are Supervision, Wage Incentive Systems, Handling and Inspection Methods, Production Planning, Improvement of Operation, Use of Capacity of Equipment, Materials Specifications, Planning of Purchase, Spoilage and Salvage.

"I know this manual will be not only a major contribution for increased production of vital war materials, but it will also fill an imperative need of labor and management because it is designed to serve as a set of practical standards for labor-management relations in increasing the output of war goods," FAECT International President Lewis Alan Berns stated.

Resolutions already submitted by the various locals indicate that offensive war action and the second front will be uppermost in the minds of the delegates when they gather. A firm military alliance between the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China, and co-operation of American labor with the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee already have wide support among unions in the country.

Common action of the AFL and CIO in the coming fall elections, in support of the administration's war program, has already been discussed widely and will be brought forward Sunday at the convention for action.

Irving Abramson, President of the State CIO Council, will deliver the keynote address of the convention. Thomas Shane, Regional Director of the New Jersey State Industrial Union Council, John Green, President of the IUMSWA, Joseph Quinn, President of the AFL, Central Labor Union of Hudson County, Mayor Hague of Jersey City, Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, member of the New York City Council, and Assemblyman J. Friedman of Hudson County have been invited to address the convention.



AT PEARL HARBOR: Charles Richard of Brooklyn, Va. works as a welder at Pearl Harbor, which has now succeeded in effecting the scars of the treacherous Dec. 7 Japanese attack.

B'klyn Red Cross Enlists Negro Aid

Conference with Negro Leaders Brings End to Jim-Crow in All Units

Discrimination against Negroes in Brooklyn Red Cross units was brought to an end early this week with the announcement that from now henceforth Negroes will be integrated into the different branches of the Red Cross Services.

The action came as the aftermath of a conference held by the Brooklyn Chapter of the Red Cross last Saturday at Brooklyn headquarters at 87 Willowbrook St.

As a part of the program outlined by C. R. Beardsley, Chairman of the Brooklyn Chapter, Negroes will be integrated into the different branches instead of being segregated in separate units.

Cooperation of Negroes in the movement was pledged at the conference by a group including Judge Miles Page, Arthur J. Martin, Maude B. Richardson, Eve Land and Norman B. Johnson. Details of the project will be handled by Col. J. H. Bigley, Executive Director of the Brooklyn Chapter.

Mr. Beardsley announced that in furtherance of the non-racial policy of the Red Cross, the Brooklyn Chapter will take a place on the Board of Directors.

Negro volunteers will be assigned as Staff Assistants, or for training courses in First Aid, Home Nursing, Nurses Aid, Canteen and Production. Others will be accepted for Blood Bank donations.

Mr. Beardsley declared that all of these services have long been open to Brooklyn Negroes; that no racial distinctions have been made.

"We of the Brooklyn Chapter," Mr. Beardsley said, "have adhered strictly to Red Cross policy in our relations with all races. We have had full responses from every quarter, but our activities have expanded so rapidly since Pearl Harbor, that it has been difficult to keep abreast."

Through conferences with Brooklyn Negro leaders we have made it clear that we desire further cooperation, and we have been assured that it will be forthcoming in the same spirit that has led hundreds of Brooklyn Negroes to the armed services.

"We fully recognize Negroes as an integral part of our war efforts in Brooklyn. They are serving with credit in the armed forces, and with the recognition which is their due, they will serve with credit in furthering the work of the Brooklyn Red Cross."

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The efficiency of the Shorter Workday may be ordered direct from Labor Research Association, 80 E. 11th St., New York City. Price of this popular pamphlet is 10 cents. It traces the story of working conditions from the present to the present past.

From 1791 when the Philadelphia carpenters first sought a shorter day's work, through 130 years of American labor history, this booklet traces the story of working conditions from the present to the present past.

10,000th of an Inch Counts: A 10,000th of an inch is invisible to the human eye, but measurements must be exact in the manufacture of torpedoes and other war machinery. At one of the government's Eastern torpedo plants, a worker measures a shaft to make certain it exactly meets specifications.

Twice within the week, an unheard-of thing has happened out here—joint action by the AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and farmers. It took Colorado labor to awaken to the dangers of Hitlerism that it did most sections to the west and east of the Silver State, but when the people did speak it was in ringing terms that it was not in misunderstanding even by U. S. Senator Ed Johnson, who has been footloose too long on the question of unqualified support to the Roosevelt victory program.

Colorado Labor, Farm Groups Unite on War

Form Common Front at Conference; Fight Defeatists, Lewis Men

By Harold Kelly
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DENVER, Colo., May 12.—United Colorado labor is carrying the battle to the state's appeasers and isolationists, Labor out here in the Rocky Mountain regions is tired of being diverted from the main current of democratic action.

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At a political convention held here in the Albany Hotel, 134 delegates representing some 85 local unions, farmer's groups and educational organizations met to chart the people's course in the coming elections. At first the meeting was planned to include only AFL and Railroad Brotherhood delegates, along with a few farm and educational groups.

Came the nation-wide attack on labor, however, and the local CIO movement appealed to the AFL for joint action. Representing Reid Robinson, CIO vice-president and president of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, Allan D. McNeil, Robinson's assistant, called on George Brayfield, president of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, McNeil was accompanied by Charles Binn, secretary of the newly-chartered Denver Industrial Union Council of the CIO.

Agreement on joint action was soon reached and Brayfield invited all CIO local unions to send delegates to the convention, the call for which was signed jointly by Brayfield, A. J. Chipman, Railway Brotherhood leader, and Frank Neffery, District 19 President of the United Mine Workers.

The CIO unions discovered that Neffery, working in typical John

Lewis fashion, had simply forgotten to notify the CIO locals about the convention, despite the fact that at the time the convention was originally planned he was still regional director of the CIO and president of the Colorado Industrial Union Council.

Neffery resigned both of his positions and meanwhile the Denver locals got themselves a charter and began a program of CIO activity that surpassed in a few weeks anything that the state council, under Neffery's domination, had been able to do in several years.

The political convention turned out to be so successful that further action was recommended by the delegates. To this end the executive committee of Labor's Political Convention of Colorado held an extraordinary session and voted to recommend the amendment of the constitution's constitution to include the CIO unions to membership.

Highlight of the convention was the debate on the statement of principles offered by the CIO delegates. The statement contained several points on which it was recommended the officers of the convention interrogate prospective candidates for public office. These included the candidate's stand on the opening of the Western front, participation of minority groups in the war effort, the prosecution of the Coughlins, Gerald Smith and other openly fascist divisions, labor's production efforts, labor's rights, and national unity.

Chipman was elected chairman of the convention and Brayfield convention secretary. Graham Doan, Newspaper Guild delegate, was elected vice-chairman.

A Serious Mistake Labor Should Remedy

EVENTS of the greatest concern to American labor and the country are looming up in Washington.

We refer to the obvious new Congressional drive to wreck President Roosevelt's 7-point anti-inflation program by "wage-freezing" legislation.

FDR's plan is essential for the establishment of an efficient war economy. The enemies of the plan know it. They are adopting the strategy of picking off each of the seven points one at a time, inciting different sections of the population against the entire plan.

Thus, while so-called "farm bloc" reactionaries (who despise the struggling dirt farmer) train their guns on parity prices, the union-haters are once more trying to launch a "freeze wages" stampede. The tactic is to wreck the President's entire win-the-war economic program by wrecking a part of it.

If the 7-point plan is wrecked, it will mean that Labor's real wages will face the danger of uncontrolled prices. It will imperil all collective bargaining and voluntary wage adjustments as outlined in the President's economic message to Congress; these will be in danger of being junked for an iron-clad "wage freezing" which will hit hardest millions of workers who are still unable to buy ordinary subsistence diets. Unionism, and the whole war drive itself, will then become a target for slashing assault.

THUS far, it must be said, Labor has failed to fulfill its duty to itself and the country. Its silence on the President's 7-point plan has helped the labor-hating reactionaries to leap into the fray against the entire win-the-war program.

Let It Ring With National Unity!

National "I Am an American Day" takes on a significance this year that it has never had before. Our country is in a death grip with the Hitler Axis for national survival. Celebrations become a focal point for rallying national unity to beat Hitler this year. To be an American at this crucial time is to contribute everything one has to our just and patriotic war to smash the common enemy of mankind.

In New York City, Mayor LaGuardia has announced that participating in the celebration here Sunday will be "organizations representing all aspects of life and activity in our great city." Patriotic citizens among all creeds, classes and races of the population, and particularly labor, have a duty to make this event one of real unity "in thought and action"—to use the central slogan of the celebration.

The celebrations on Sunday should make each American supremely aware of his responsibilities to his country. This means all-out aid to our Soviet, British, Chinese and other allies who are fighting in behalf of all the democratic heritages of American citizenship.

The Daily Worker joins with all other patriotic Americans in giving this event its unqualified endorsement and support. It calls upon its readers and friends to attend the celebration in Central Park Mall Sunday afternoon and to do everything else to make the event a rousing one for full unity behind our national government and victory this year.

The 'After-the-War' Strategy

The latest Gallup Poll gives a good indication of the deep-going win-the-war spirit throughout the country. According to the poll, if the Congressional elections were held now the Democrats would add 38 seats to their majority in the House.

This is unquestionably the result of the fact that the people look upon most of the Republican leaders—except for men like Willkie—as defeatists. It is not the Willkie Republicans who have lost popular support

CIO and AFL leaders have failed to speak out in ringing support of the President as they should. (The Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the CIO Electrical, Radio and Machine Union, and the New York CIO Council are honorable exceptions). Meanwhile the sinister John L. Lewis has joined the Congressional appeasers in assault upon the anti-inflation program.

Labor has watched passively while the House Ways and Means Committee has slashed \$700,000,000 from the Government's tax on corporations; while the ground has been laid for a sales tax.

THIS can be remedied. The "freeze wage" drive can be stopped by a firm fight by CIO and AFL for the enactment of the 7-point plan at once; constructive improvements can be made later. Labor needs the price control and rationing plan just as it insists on periodic, collective bargaining adjustments of wages to living costs and on increases for the substandard wage earners.

The fact is that the War Labor Board is acting to protect collective bargaining, is making adjustments in wages to meet rising costs, even though much more in this direction is still needed.

American labor cannot afford, for its own sake nor for the sake of crushing Hitlerism, to be trapped into forgetting the vital necessity of the 7-point anti-inflation plan as a whole.

To fall into this Congressional trap is to open the way for the most bitter enemies American labor has.

The most effective answer to the "wage freeze" threat is for CIO and AFL to demand Congressional enactment of the 7-point anti-inflation program.

but the appeasers—the Hoovers, Landons and Deweys.

This Gallup Poll should stimulate the Willkie Republicans to fight more vigorously against the defeatists within their party. Willkie's speech Monday night, while non-partisan in spirit, seemed to make too many concessions to the Deweys, especially in its concentration on "after the war." Instead of calling for the election of men who would be firm solely on "after the war" problems, it would be better for the Willkie Republicans to urge the election of those who will be firm for national unity behind the Roosevelt Administration in the prosecution and winning of the war.

The "after-the-war" line is becoming the favorite strategy whereby defeatists of the Dewey stripe hope to conceal their lack of support for the actual winning of the war.

The test for every candidate in the primaries and final elections must be the degree to which he campaigns NOW for victory over the Axis NOW.

Leningrad Unions Greet British Workers

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 12.—Leningrad trade unionists have just sent fraternal greetings to the workers of Great Britain. They have sent a message to the British working people, and urged a maximum effort to hasten the complete destruction of bloody fascism in joint struggle.

The message was adopted and sent from a meeting of trade union functionaries, which heard a report on the recent trip of the Soviet trade union delegation to Great Britain. The report was given by Chairman Kazakhov of the Committee of the Trade Unions of Armament Workers in Leningrad.

Conveying fraternal greetings to the working people of Leningrad from the men and women workers of Great Britain, he described in detail the work accomplished by the delegation. "During our sojourn in England," stated Kazakhov, "we convinced ourselves that the broad masses of British men and women workers recognize the Soviet Union's role as a decisive factor in the defeat of Hitler Germany and that they are unanimous in their desire to do everything within their power to hasten the victory of the freedom-loving peoples over the hated enemy—Hitlerism."

There's a Place Waiting



The New York State Elections

Laborites Must Unite to Rally State Behind War Drive

By S. W. Gerson

America's Empire State will go to the polls this Fall in one of the most crucial elections since the Civil War. Home state of President Roosevelt, New York plays a most vital role in the national political scene.

Victory in New York for the win-the-war policies of President Roosevelt will be a tremendous triumph for the all-out war effort with positive world-wide repercussions. Defeat for those policies would in effect be a big blow to the commander-in-chief and would stimulate nationally and internationally the movement of the Munichers towards a negotiated peace with Hitler.

Thus, patriotic New Yorkers of all classes must examine all political trends, policies, programs and personalities from the viewpoint of their effect on the war effort. It is only on this background that one can study the pre-election New York State scene, which superficially appears to be a tangled welter of factions, peanut politics-as-usual, personal ambitions and occasional streaks of statesmanship.

Within the Republican Party, the State's first party, there are various conflicting tendencies. Wendell Willkie, titular leader of the G.O.P. nationally, represents the most consistent win-the-war forces within the Republican Party. Representative Hamilton Fish, pal of Nazi agent George Sylvester Viereck, and Representative John Taber of Auburn, mirror the crassest appeasement trends within the party. Hovering between the two groups and in control of the Republican apparatus is Thomas E. Dewey, former district attorney of New York County and the probable Republican nominee for Governor.

DEWEY'S SILENCE

Dewey, seeking to maintain a balance of forces against the ever-increasing popularity of Willkie's win-the-war policies, has given lip-service to the war effort but carefully refrains from criticism of the appeasers within his own party. While reportedly against Ham Fish he has made no public attacks on the latter and has said nothing about such notorious appeasers as Sen. Wayland Brooks of Illinois, stooge of Col. Robert McCormick's Chicago Tribune, or about Senator Taft of Ohio. By destructive criticism of the Roosevelt administration, Dewey has done more to inflame bitter partisanship-as-usual (the first cousin of defeatism) than any other man in the New York G.O.P. He unites around himself a section of the win-the-war Republicans and the Best-Roosevelt-under-any-circumstances crowd, thus providing ideal political shelter for the, as yet, unexposed defeatists. (And makes more difficult the united fight to drive defeatists like Fish and State Senator Frederic R. Coudert, Jr. out of public life.)

Dewey's policies and method of criticism encourages these narrow Republican partisans who sit about waiting for the Roosevelt foot to slip. A military or naval defeat becomes the opportunity for partisan demands for power. Thus, almost imperceptibly to the rank and file of Republicans, blind partisanship

Keep Your Eyes On the Primaries

Primaries in many states are just around the corner. They mean a lot to the winning of the war.

Defeatist candidates will have to be defeated. Those who stand for winning the war will have to be successfully backed.

It is vital that Labor in particular keep its eyes on these elections. With that in view, *The Worker* (Sunday issue) and the *Daily Worker* will review the records of some of the outstanding Congressional candidates. This survey will cover the men running for such offices in New York State as well as throughout the country. The first article in this series will appear in the coming edition of *The Worker*. It will be written by Adam Lapin, of our Washington Bureau.

becomes transformed into defeatism.

Within the Democratic party there is also conflict, aggravated by the recent announcement of Governor Herbert Lehman that he is not a candidate for re-election. Withdrawal of Lehman, staunch supporter of the Roosevelt war policies and effective vote-getter, leaves the Democratic field wide open. Since the Democratic party cannot win unless it is united and in coalition with the American Labor Party, the situation is extremely serious for Roosevelt's own political party.

ALP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Democratic situation becomes particularly difficult when it is remembered that, too, has an appeaser wing. While by no means as numerous or as powerful as the Republican appeasers, the fact is that in the New York Democratic party there are persons like Rep. William Barry of Queens, who has on a number of occasions addressed America First meetings with

Unrest Grows In Germany, Plant Blown Up

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, May 12.—The dissatisfaction of the German people with the criminal Hitler clique is acquiring ever sharper forms. Recently a large munition works was blown up in Munich putting the plant's principal departments out of commission for a long time.

Anti-war slogans frequently appear on the walls and fences of Munich, such as "Down with the Criminal War!" "Long live the Soviet Union!"

Laura Ingalls, recently convicted as a Nazi agent.

What is the situation in New York State's balance-of-power party, the American Labor Party?

It is evident that there is a growing awareness of the responsible role the ALP must fulfill in the coming months. Badly split for more than two years, there is an increasing trend toward unity in the ALP, although by no means as swift as within the trade union movement generally.

Three more or less distinct currents are to be seen in the ALP. There is what has been known as the Left Wing, headed by Rep. Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the New York county organization of the ALP, and largely supported by the left-progressive trade unionists of the city, mainly from CIO ranks. Last week the New York County organization announced its demand for a win-the-war Congress in a leaflet distributed in the tens of thousands.

Another trend within the ALP, the Social-Democratic Federation, places as the chief issue before the ALP the struggle against "Communism," a pale echo of the voices from Berlin and Vichy. This group calls for war on the left in the coming primaries.

While associated in the past primarily with the Social-Democratic outlook, some of the State leaders of the ALP have recently indicated a new understanding of the urgent need for a united Labor Party if the State is to be found in the Roosevelt win-the-war column this Fall. Tonight the ALP State executive committee is meeting to decide its basic attitude on the elections and the forthcoming primaries in the two major parties.

Before the State leaders of the ALP will be the main question of the day: How best to rally the State behind the President and his win-the-war policies. It can be expected that on the major questions of the day the ALP leaders will take a position consistent with the desires of the masses of New York unionists and other good patriotic people.

But the question that will be decisive is: How to give life to these policies. Above all, the question will be, How can the ALP be united so that it mobilizes for an election of a win-the-war Congress and a win-the-war State administration? All formal policies directed toward electing a win-the-war Congress will be nullified unless the vestigial remains of the ALP factional situation is liquidated.

Will the ALP leaders measure up to their responsibilities in this regard? Will they resolutely thrust aside obsolete differences and the prejudices of the past? Will they heal the breach and go forward in every one of the State's 62 counties as a powerful force uniting labor and all progressive citizens behind the policy of electing a win-the-war Congress determined to smash the Axis in 1942?

It is difficult to imagine that any responsible trade unionist heading the State ALP would willfully persist in continuing the miserable situation of rival clubs, rival petitions, rival candidates and all the bitterness that mark inner-party primary struggles. A great responsibility rests on the state ALP leaders. There is the opportunity to unite a great party and a great labor and progressive movement in the State. There is the opportunity to be of greatest service to the nation in its most critical moment.

The Unions and The War

By William Z. Foster

12. Labor and the USSR

One of the most basic tasks put upon the shoulders of the American trade union movement by the war to defeat Hitler is to cultivate the closest possible fighting relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. To win the war these two great countries must become allies, friendly and cooperative, in the fullest sense of the word. They must be equal partners in a powerful United Nations military alliance. To accomplish this vital end the great trade union movement in this country can contribute greatly.

Today the U. S. S. R. is carrying the main burden of the struggle against the chief foe, Hitler. The fate of world humanity, including our own national independence and freedom, rests upon the Soviets' ability to hold off Hitler's armies until the full power of the United Nations can be brought into play. The Red Army is magnificently fulfilling the great historic task that has fallen upon it, of defending world democracy from the fascist barbarians. President Roosevelt recently said: "On the European front, the most important development of the past year has been the crushing offensive on the part of the great armies of Russia against the powerful German army." In the same vein Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The Russians kill more Germans every day than all the allies put together." And General MacArthur put it correctly when he declared: "The hopes of civilization rest on the worthy banners of the courageous Russian Army."

The American people, including the 11,000,000 trade unionists and their families, are full of admiration for the brave Soviet armies. They also realize that our most basic national interests require us to give them most active support and cooperation. Former Ambassador to the USSR, Joseph E. Davies hit the nail of American public opinion squarely on the head when he declared recently: "We say to the Government, Red Army and Soviet people, 'Hold the fort, for we are coming.'"

The need for close understanding and working relations between the USA and the USSR is now particularly urgent. With Hitler preparing to deliver his great offensive, he and his friends and dupes in this country, using the divide and conquer strategy, are trying to drive a wedge between this country and the Soviet Union, on the lying basis—that the Soviet Government intends to make a separate peace; that Japan, not Nazi Germany, is our main enemy; that cooperation with the USSR means a tacit acceptance of Communism; that the Russians do not need our help, and many similar representations. Especially are these fifth column elements trying to prevent the United States and Great Britain from establishing a great Western Front in Europe which could, in collaboration with the Red Army, smash Hitler this year.

Our trade union movement has done considerable to cement better American-Soviet relations since Pearl Harbor. Both the CIO and the AFL have endorsed our Government's policy of extending munitions aid to the USSR, and recent news dispatches inform us that Presidents Green and Murray of the AFL and CIO, and President Whitney of the Railroad Trainmen, have become members of the Board of Directors of Russian War Relief, Inc. Nevertheless, the top leadership of our labor movement has been very slow in this whole question. There is great need for strengthening trade union official policy in respect to solidifying the bonds between the USA and the USSR.

Especially is it necessary for the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods to link themselves up with the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee. Our trade union leaders should feel honored to clasp hands in international solidarity with the representatives of the heroic Soviet working class, and the membership of their unions would applaud them for doing so. The Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee has great potentialities—to tighten the relations between the three respective Governments, to increase war materials production in the respective countries, to help keep the war on a truly anti-Hitler basis, to help provide guarantees that the eventual peace will be a just and lasting one. Our labor movement is duty-bound, in the interest of the American working class and nation, to join hands with the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee.

American organized labor is becoming increasingly conscious of its responsibility, as the strongest democratic, anti-Hitler mass force in the United States, to help bring about a betterment of relations with our great Soviet neighbor. This is shown, among other developments, by the growing number of CIO and AFL unions that are speaking out upon the matter. Our trade union movement, casting off its swaddling clothes of isolationism like the rest of our people, is moving toward playing its proper international role. This can be done adequately only in fraternal affiliation with the British and Russian unions in the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee.

(Next article will appear tomorrow.)

Letters From Our Readers

Vacationists Raise \$26.00 for Russian War Relief

Livingston Manor, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A small group vacationing at the Hotel Capitol, Livingston Manor, N. Y., were discussing the war and the Soviet Union. The proposition mentioned that many people in the town were interested in information about the Soviet Union. One of the guests who lived and worked in the Soviet Union, agreed to speak of his experiences if a collection for Russian War Relief were made. We arranged the lecture. Twenty-five people came and \$26.00 was collected.

—J. H.

Compliment

Chicago.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I'd like to pay your paper a personal compliment on the amount and character of your labor news. I am glad to say that *The Worker* is the most dynamic and pro-victory paper that crosses this editorial desk.

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Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Please allow me to express my heartfelt congratulations on some of the improvements in "The Worker." I particularly feel that grouping photographs of persons interviewed by the inquiring reporter enhances the appearance of the article no end.

Every page of May 10 was so full of verve and punch that it was more than the usual joy to read it.

M. G.

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American Democracy In Song and Dance

By Ralph Warner

It was a happy thought to bring the ninth annual Folk Festival to Madison Square Garden. Many pageants, many mass meetings and national political conventions of every kind have assembled in that great amphitheatre. But it is doubtful if any has so truly combined the spirit of America, past and present, as this ten-hour

long display of the people's culture of the nation on Monday afternoon and evening.

The Festival, sponsored by the New York Evening Post, was a living demonstration of national power and national unity, expressed in terms of culture. Its songs and dances not only stemmed from the past of America, but they proved the validity of the democratic system, together with certain of its weaknesses as practiced in our nation. Here was an America in which all people meet in peace, in which all people sing and dance their national spirit. The Indians of the plains, the hill billies of the South, the stern New Englanders, the broad-chested western youth, the Negroes of plantation and city, the coal miners of Pennsylvania—and many, many more met under one roof to celebrate their traditional joy in life.

And the newcomers to America, beginning with the Englishmen who pioneered, through the French of Canada and the French of our own central states, to the Russians, the Rumanians, the Italians—all appeared in their national dress and danced and sang until well past midnight.

Here were no clashes of political ideas. Instead, the identity in dance and song proved the common human denominator which brought all these people together. America... democracy. Before the eyes of the 15,000 in the audience, one could perceive its living essence—the people.

High spots were so many that space precludes mentioning more than a few. I liked best of all the deep voices of the anthracite miners from Pennsylvania with their "Johnny Mitchell, Man" ballad, and the spirited western dancers, the Pioneer Promenaders from the University of Denver. These boys and girls literally swept the audience off its feet with their vivid reproduction of old frontier dances.

Then there were the bounciful boys and girls from Asheville, in North Carolina, who executed a square dance that resembled a pattern of joy about the floor. Previously several Indian tribes, in gorgeous trappings, performed ancient ceremonial dances, the Kiowas from Oklahoma, the Iroquois from New York, and the Jemsa from New Mexico. An old Mexican dance included a remarkable performance by a tiny girl of five, together with the spirited na-

tional step by the ensemble, the Sadonga.

Late in the evening the Russian group of young men and women received an ovation as they were announced. Something of the freshness and power of the Red Army's spirit was transmitted in their fierce Cossack sword dance and the Byelo-Russian Polanka or peasant dance. They brought down the house.

A choral society of Negroes from Richmond, Va., and another from Elizabeth, N. J., sang spirituals, and grand old W. H. Handy thrilled the assemblage when he sang the original words and music from which his famous "Memphis Blues" was derived.

To Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Knott, who founded the National Folk Festival Association nine years ago, and who directed this mass performance in New York, a tribute is due. She has gathered together some of the best talents in American life. She has linked the democracy of the festival to the democracy for which we are fighting this war. Her work has been fruitful; the spectacle she created was a ceremony of faith in the future of America.

RADIO READER

Mark Van Doren, chairman of CBS' "Invitation to Learning" program, has begun a new "Radio Reader" series over WABC every weekday morning at 9:15. Outstanding novels are to be read in 15-minute periods until they're completed. First is Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter."

Stars of Two Continents Greet CBS Latin American Network

Hour Show Launches Net May 19

Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, presidents of neighbor republics, Metropolitan stars Bidu Sayo, Brazilian lyric soprano, and Robert Weede, baritone, Rina Hayworth, Jinx Falkenberg, Rita Hayworth, Edward G. Robinson, Mary Martin and other celebrities of diplomatic life, opera, films, concert stage and radio share in the one-hour program Tuesday, May 19, dedicating the Columbia Broadcasting System's Latin American network.

It is to be broadcast over the CBS coast-to-coast network and transmitted to all of the 76 stations in the Latin American chain from 9:30 to 10:30 P.M. EDT.

Following this, many of the 121 stations of the nationwide system will present to their own audiences separate programs with Latin American guests, local talent and citizenry whose knowledge has been benefited by travels to and contact with the neighbor nations.

Keynoting this phase of the celebration within the United States, is to be a half hour program in Washington, carried by the three CBS international transmitters—WCBX, WCRB and WCDA—to all Latin America.

The Washington broadcast will come from the Carlton Hotel where the full diplomatic corps of the southern hemisphere at a formal banquet with top-ranking government officials and executives of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The hour-long hemispheric broadcast is packed with talks and entertainment. Douglas will serve as master of ceremonies for the east coast originators with Robinson fulfilling similar duties at the microphone in Hollywood.

In New York, staff talent of the CBS Latin American network will contribute its share with the Columbia Broadcasting Symphony, directed by Howard Barlow; the Orquesta Panamericana CBS, under the baton of Alfredo Antonini; Juan Arvizu, troubadour of the southern nations; Olga Coelho, Brazil's officially decreed representative of its own folk music; Eva Garza, Mexican singer, and Zita Chorro Gil guitar and song trio.

Working closely with William S. Paley, CBS president, in arranging the celebration is Edmund A. Chester, director of shortwave broadcasting, Dr. Antonio C. Gonzalez and William H. Finestriber.



THROUGH PATRIOTIC FILMS:

Our Civil War Heroes Can Speak to Us Now

This is the second and concluding article in David Platt's series discussing America's fighting traditions and their place in the movies. The first article appeared on this page in the May 8 issue.

By David Platt

The American Civil War is also rich in themes that could be made into magnificent patriotic films for this period. For years the movie industry has been glorifying the slaveocracy in reactionary films like "Gone With the Wind," "So Red the Rose," "Prisoner of Shark Island," "Birth of a Nation."

Who recalls a single major film of the past 20 years reflecting the point of view of the people and the Union?

Films like "Gone with the Wind" have gone out of their way to prove that the south was fighting a righteous cause and that the northern armies were manned by gangsters and cut-throats who deflowered a great civilization when they ended slave rule. This is the same line used by Hitler to defend the enslavement of Europe.

It is high time we had a decent film on the struggle against slavery. It is time we had another good film on Abraham Lincoln—a film which would carry him through the decisive war years. There is a wealth of material for this purpose in Carl Sandburg's monumental history of the Civil War epoch.

America cannot have too many films about the men and women who fought courageously against the Hitler of their day.

Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" viciously slandered Thaddeus Stevens, one of the noblest characters in American history. Stevens spoke out boldly against slavery at a time when the South was packing the courts, electing presidents like Fillmore and Buchanan to office, sabotaging progressive legislation and writing the nation's laws in the interests of a small minority of slaveowners.

Stevens was the first representative of the North to challenge the leadership of the pro-slavery forces in the halls of Congress. His vehement denunciation of chattel slavery, says Elizabeth Lawson, marked the coming to age of the new revolutionary coalition of anti-slavery America.

There is a stirring film in General Thomas's remarkable stand at Chickamauga Creek, where Thomas with 25,000 men formed his men into a convex circle like a horseshoe, and stood adamant against the furious onslaught of 60,000 Confederate troops. Grant said it was the most "magnificent defensive fighting of the war." It earned Thomas the proud title of "Rock of Chickamauga."

America can use a good film on Sheridan's decisive victory at Opequon Creek which electrified the nation during a period of indecision and uncertainty and muffled the appeasers in the camp of the democrats who were openly talking treason in 1864. Here is a film to shut the mouth of the Axis in our own ranks.

Let us press hard for more films about America's fighting heroes.

Writers Prepare Films On Red Cross Girls And Yugoslav Guerrillas

Steve Fisher and Ben Redman have been assigned to write the screenplay on "Red Cross Girls," based on Lillie Hayward's original story, it was announced today by Bryan Foy, who will produce the film for Twentieth Century-Fox.

Foy also announced the assignment of Michael Jacoby to write the screenplay for his production of "The Seventh Column," a story based on the heroic exploits of General Draja Mihailovich, Yugoslav war minister and guerrilla leader.

Harlem Players Top IWO Theatre Festival

FOURTH ANNUAL HARRY MELOFF THEATRE FESTIVAL, dedicated to a young artist who gave his life for democracy. Conducted by the Drama Council, New York Young Journalists, IWO, at the Barbizon Plaza Theatre.

The fourth annual Harry Meloff Theatre Festival of the IWO ended on a dramatic note Saturday evening. It was the last scene in "Let My People Live," a naturalistic drama presented by Harlem Lodge 691. The little play, written by Joseph Johnson, who also enacted the leading male role, concerned a Harlem family at the time of the so-called "crime wave" of last November. It was a story of a Negro family's bitter struggle for survival, and it showed how economic oppression creates disease, degradation and crime.

In the course of its action "Let My People Live" traced the downfall of a Harlem youth who engages in hold-ups. He is finally trapped and beaten by a would-be victim. The police come to his home, and he has been overwhelmed by the conditions which he and her other children are trying to combat. The mother, played by Marguerite Somerson, directly addresses the audience in a speech filled with the righteous indignation of the Negro people. Miss Somerson, who had never been on a stage before, stirred her listeners to enthusiastic applause. It was a memorable moment in IWO theatricals.

Naturally enough "Let My People Live" won the first prize. The decision was a difficult one for the judges, for although the play offered many remarkable realistic scenes from Negro life, it suffered from two defects. A minor fault was its use of a device which breaks into the illusion of a realistic play—several times the characters stepped out of their roles to speak to the audience. A more important fault was the failure of the author—and the Drama Council of the IWO, for that matter—to relate properly the economic

strait of urban Negroes to the war. The general effect of the play's dynamic indignation would not be helpful to the victory effort, if presented to a less understanding audience than that which saw it at the Barbizon Plaza on Saturday evening. Pierce sincerely burns in this unusual play; but it is vitally important to indicate—if only by a few lines—that the lot of all Americans, not excepting even the most oppressed, would be much worse were Hitler to win the final battle.

Second prize was won by the Brooklyn Contemporary Theatre of Lodge 236 with "Burn Clean the Wound," a one-act story of the destruction of the Diserpan dam by the Red Army in the course of its scorched earth policy. It was simple, direct and sincere, and excellently played. The third competitor, the Joe York Players of Lodge 517, offered a youthful comedy of inner IWO life, a collective work rather crudely done.

A special word of praise must be given Hilary Phillips, director of the winning play. His work in handling the large company was considerably above the direction of most non-professional groups. The IWO Drama Council has taken a large step forward since last year. It has begun to find itself. More work, more meticulous care in preparation, and more careful editing will raise its drama standard still higher.

R. W.

HEALTH ADVICE

Shock in Air Raid Victims

It was in the mountains near the River Ebro, not too far from Tortosa, this hospital. Entering a narrow railroad tunnel, long since abandoned out of the brilliant April sunshine of Spain to go on shift, we would stumble down the aisle leading past the rows of severely wounded whom we could just barely see in the half-light. They would be practically all suffering from that condition common to victims of severe injuries—shock.

They would be lying there quietly, most of those wounded, with little moaning considering the great extent of their injuries, and they would seem to have no interest in what was going on around them.

When asked how they felt, it would be difficult to obtain a response, but finally they would complain that their limbs felt dead, or they were cold, or that they felt very tired and weak.

Their faces would be deathly pale, and their foreheads and hands wet with a cold sweat. A vacant and glassy expression would be apparent in their lustreless, weary eyes staring out from under drooping eyelids, while the finger-tips, lips, and ears would show a bluish tinge. The surface of their bodies would feel very cold and many would go into a chill with shivering and chattering of teeth. The pupils would be weak and rapid, and most would breathe quite irregularly.

Why do we describe the symptoms of those shocked wounded on the Ebro? Because they are exactly the same as those that will be shown by the majority of victims of an air-raid on New York.

The recognition of the symptoms is very important for all first-aiders as early treatment is absolutely necessary, yet it is simple to carry out. There are three main principles that the first aid must ingrain into his memory: (1) heat, (2) position, and (3) stimulants, in order of importance. The victim must be thoroughly wrapped underneath and above, with blankets if available, but with any other material if not. Newspapers between the blankets are quite effective. The coldness of the body should be combated by placing under the blankets hot water bottles, hot plates, bricks, bags of salt, or anything else that will hold the heat. These should be wrapped in a layer of cloth and tested for too high temperature before placing around the victim as he can easily be burned.

The foot of the stretcher should be raised at least one and one-half feet, or if there is no stretcher the victim's feet should be raised by resting them on some object; give him a stimulant such as hot coffee or tea, and if he is unconscious, hold a bottle of aromatic spirits of ammonia under his nose.

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- 9:00-WNYC-News at Noon
- 9:15-WNYC-Music at Work
- 9:30-WNYC-Kate Smith Speaks
- 9:45-WNYC-Lunchtime Concert
- 10:00-WNYC-National Patriotic and Home Front
- 10:15-WNYC-Address by Pope Pius XII
- 10:30-WNYC-Lunchtime Symphony
- 10:45-WNYC-Your City's Defense and You
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- 11:15-WNYC-Metropolitan Review, Ralph Barton
- 11:30-WNYC-Sports Extra
- 11:45-WNYC-Martin Dine, Talks for Women
- 12:00-WNYC-Concert Favorites
- 12:15-WNYC-Opera Excerpts
- 12:30-WNYC-Army Program
- 12:45-WNYC-Dodgers vs. Cincinnati Reds
- 1:00-WNYC-Giants vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
- 1:15-WNYC-Your Request Program
- 1:30-WNYC-Freedom Presents
- 1:45-WNYC-News and Stories of Men of the Sea
- 2:00-WNYC-Civilian Defense News
- 2:15-WNYC-Street Singer
- 2:30-WNYC-Souvenir
- 2:45-WNYC-Mid-Afternoon Concert
- 3:00-WNYC-Club Matinee
- 3:15-WNYC-Children Are Also People
- 3:30-WNYC-Board of Education Program
- 3:45-WNYC-The Face of the War
- 4:00-WNYC-Folk Songs by Joshua White and Huddle Ledbetter
- 4:15-WNYC-Piano Classics
- 4:30-WNYC-Are You a Genius?
- 4:45-WNYC-It's With Music
- 5:00-WNYC-Restless Sternberger, Washington Front
- 5:15-WNYC-Sports Extra
- 5:30-WNYC-Listen a Moment
- 5:45-WNYC-Treasure of Music
- 6:00-WNYC-Punny Money Man
- 6:15-WNYC-Uncle Doc
- 6:30-WNYC-Tomorrow's Stars
- 6:45-WNYC-News Analysis
- 7:00-WNYC-News Behind the News
- 7:15-WNYC-Music to Remember
- 7:30-WNYC-Sports News, Joe Hasi
- 7:45-WNYC-Hedda Hopper's Hollywood
- 8:00-WNYC-Sports News, Jimmy Powers
- 8:15-WNYC-Selective Service News
- 8:30-WNYC-Frank Parker, Songs
- 8:45-WNYC-Dinner Concert

Barrie Stavits Play Given by New Theatre

"Alex Shenko," a play by Barrie Stavits based upon a story by Ruth McKenney, will be presented by students of New Theatre School at its end term program of class work on Sunday, May 17th, at the Malin Street Theatre, 135 West 44th Street.

Other features of the students' work will be a performance of "What Is America?" by Ben Hecht, a poem written for the "Fight for Freedom" pageant at Madison Square Garden last October, and a descriptive analysis of scenes from Tolstoy's "Cherry Orchard" by members of the Production studio.

"Guerrilla" Goes On

"Guerrilla Brigade," the latest Soviet motion picture to arrive in this country is now in its fifth week at the Stanley Theatre. This is the film of Russian fighters behind the German lines, presented jointly by Artkino pictures and Joseph Burstyn, was directed by Igor Savchenko.

STEINBECK STORY IN FILM

A scene from MGM's film version of the John Steinbeck novel, "Tortilla Flat," with Hedy Lamarr, John Garfield and Spencer Tracy. The film opens a run today in New York.



When diplomats, radio network officials and star performers go on the air next Tuesday at 9:30 P.M. it will mark another stage in good neighbor relations. The program opens a new CBS network in Latin America. Olga Coelho, Brazilian folk singer at top left, Edward G. Robinson, Hollywood actor, top right and Jinx Falkenberg, above, are among the many stars who will participate.

Pozner's New Novel In Several Translations

Both the original French and the English translation of Vladimir Pozner's novel "The Edge of the Sword" will have had their first publication in the United States. Modern Age will publish the translation, by Haakon Chevalier, on May 18. Brentano's French edition has already appeared under the title of "Deuil en 24 Heures" and ever since its publication, the author has been receiving letters from Frenchmen who, like himself, came to this country after having fought in France. Privates and officers, tank drivers and Foreign Legionnaires, medical officers and engineers, have all written to the same effect. A liaison officer who saw action in Flanders and at Dunkirk writes him:

"You have succeeded in putting it all into your book—everything we felt and thought and cursed and hoped. . . . I feel I must thank you, in the name of all those who were there with us, for this sort of 'revenge'—I almost said for these 'reprises'—that your book offers us."

Even before the publication of the English version, Spanish rights have already been sold to Ercilla of Chile.

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